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# The Messenger.

## St. Barnabas Church

APRIL, 1923.



*West Rittenhouse and McCallum Streets*

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*Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, Priest*

**... Easter tide ...**

# The Messenger.

"Pe ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."—St. James 1. 22.

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## PRIEST'S COLUMN

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Easter Day—the Queen of the Church's festivals—dawned upon us clear and cold, yes, beastly cold—colder than was Christmas Day. But to faithful and loyal souls weather conditions of such a nature proved no barrier to deter them from coming early in the morning to meet and greet their Risen Lord at the Holy Table.

The discomfort we endured, the cold hands and feet we suffered in the discharge of our religious obligations on April 1st—what are they in comparison to the grief and wounds and dying pains which Jesus endured on the cross for us men and for our salvation? I tell you, 'twas a fine discipline to our bodies no less than to our souls when, with the thermometer registering "fourteen degrees above," we made our way to the Church of God to welcome the "happy morning" that brought us "life eternal."

Most Christians are unmindful of the bitter sufferings of Christ. They don't like to picture Him as the "Man of Sorrows," preferring rather to behold Him as their victorious King and Risen Lord—which undoubtedly He is—but the glorious Resurrection was preceded by pain and suffering and death, just as the gloom and darkness of night precede the dawn of day.

Some people are trying to get rid of the fact that pain and suffering are necessary elements in our lives. They would have us "think" them out of human experience. Such folks are only deceiving themselves. On the cross Jesus underwent great pain and suffering of body, and by it He

wrought a great work for the human race, viz: its Redemption. So then, you and I can use pain and suffering as vehicles on which we may ride to higher heights in life, for through pain and suffering we learn to sympathize with each other and to do good to our fellow-men. Eliminate pain and suffering in this world and that very moment the milk of human kindness will dry up in our hearts. At Easter we rejoice at the signal victory won by Jesus Christ over his enemies, death and the grave; but don't lose sight of the fact that there can be no Easter without a Good Friday, no crown without a cross, no victory without a battle. 'Twas true in the life of Jesus; 'tis also true in your life.

All the services were very well attended, the offering for current expenses good and the music above par. The one service that deserved special mention was that held for the children, their parents and friends at 3:30 P. M. The youngsters turned out in full and entered whole-souled into the exercises. A justifiable trace of pride and thankfulness was discernible on the faces of the parents as their children stood up to do honor to the Risen Christ in verse or song. Then came the taking of the offering by three boys and three girls. With great dignity and reverence they gathered the "mite chest" which contained small coins to help extend the Kingdom of God on earth, then returning to the chancel steps the "server" received the children's Easter offering and brought the many "mite chests" to the altar, where the Priest pre-

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sented the contents to God while all sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." 'Twas a happy occasion for the youngsters and their parents. All were in fine spirits.

Notwithstanding the high cost of flowers, the altar and chancel were bedecked with blossoms fair, potted plants and palms. The lilies on the altar were in memory of Joseph C. Foster, and were contributed by his widow. Every bloom and every flower paid a silent though eloquent tribute to our Risen Lord; indeed, their contribution to the services might well be construed as "Nature's Easter Alleluia."

God grant that "day by day in every way" we may be true and living witnesses to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let the Spirit of the Risen Christ so live in your hearts that men and women will need no further evidence of the Resurrection than the spiritual fruits which we yield by the life which we live in Him.

Faithfully yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS

## THE PARISH HOUSE

Most of us have seen the picture and plan of the parish house as prepared by the architect. With two or three changes the building will go up as planned. We hope to have our campaign ready for launching by May 1st. At that time the confirmation classes and their Priest will start out to raise at least \$5000. We will have all summer in which to do it, and we will surely go "over the top."

A word of encouragement came to me on April 2nd from Mrs. Ralph H. North, at one time treasurer of the United Thank Offering, and now one of the outstanding missionary women in the Convocation of Germantown. This is what she said:

"We have the matter of the parish

house well in mind, and I can assure you that there is real interest in it. We have on our "thinking caps" as to "ways and means" of raising money next fall to help on the good work. By 'we' I mean the women of many churches in our convocation."

A word like the above should be a tremendous urge to carry us on to victory with our campaign, and it will.

## NEW CARPET

Mrs. Mary Johnson has her heart set on putting new strips of carpet in the aisles of our church. No one will deny the need of them, but new carpet costs money, and if the members of the church would help her it can be accomplished. Please see Mrs. Johnson.

## AN EASTER GIFT

The Sisters and children of St. Mary's School for Girls presented the Priest-in-charge with a handsome set of eucharistic vestments, consisting of chasuble, stole and maniple in white, on Easter even. The Priest has now eucharistic vestments in white and purple. He needs a set in green and one in red. Perhaps some of the ladies in the church would interest themselves in seeing that he gets them. The Priest appreciates the kindness of both the Sisters and the children.

## A CORRECTION

In the March number of the MESSENGER we gave a list of the contributors to St. Mary's School for Girls, and by accident a few names did not appear. We gladly record them now: Mesdames Mary Johnson, Estelle Warren and Lillian Paxton, also Miss Maud Harding, contributed each \$1.00.

## THE FIRST EASTER DAY

Angels speeding through the night,  
Joseph's garden filled with light;  
Soldiers watching swooned in fright,  
When Jesus rose again.

When the garden silent lay,  
Wit' the soldiers fled away,  
In the dawn of Easter Day  
The holy women came.

At the tomb an angel spoke;  
Hope and joy in them awoke;  
To the Master's friends they broke  
The greatest news of earth.

Mary, longing to remain,  
Where three days her Lord had lain,  
Heard Him speak to her again,  
And saw Him face to face.

Two He taught along the road,  
Though their hearts within them  
glowed,  
Did not know Him till He showed  
Himself in breaking bread.

Faith the ten apostles knew  
When He said, "Peace be to you!  
As God sent Me, send I you,  
With news to lift mankind."

Therefore, in our thankfulness,  
Praise to Him we now address;  
Praying Gospel truth may bless  
All people ev'ry day.

—Malcolm Sanders Johnston.

## SPREADING THE GOSPEL

St. Barnabas is asked to contribute during the year 1923 the sum of \$535.49 for missionary work. Every parish in the diocese has a definite amount to raise. The total amount calculated by the diocesan authorities as necessary to maintain the present missions and church institutions, also

to begin a new work, is \$787,527.80.

Our share of that total is \$535.49, and it is our duty to give every penny of it. The Christian religion can only be extended by the self-sacrificing efforts of Christians.

There are three kinds of missionary givers. (1) Those who are deeply interested in the whole world being won for Christ, and they give generously. (2) Those who are not particular about too many people coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus, and this class give two cents a week; and (3) those who absolutely give nothing. The last group don't know that Jesus said "Go ye into all the world and spread the Gospel to every creature;" or, if they do know, they are the very essence of selfishness, for they evidently want to appropriate Jesus all to themselves, while the rest of the human family may perish without ever hearing of the love of Jesus.

Now that we know what is expected of us along missionary lines, let every man and woman who calls himself or herself a Christian give liberally in the missionary pocket of the "duplex envelopes." The men can give at least the price of one good cigar a week, and the women—well, most of them give, but let me suggest that all give at least ten cents a week. Will you miss it? No. How many dimes slip away from you during the week in one way or another? This dime a week for missions is a splendid investment; by it the stakes of the Christian Church can be strengthened and the cords lengthened. Our Church School Lenten offering will be credited to the above amount.

## NOTES

The linens of the church are being cared for by the following persons:  
Altar, Mrs. Roane.

Choir, Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Billups.

Priest's, Mrs. Thomas.

Miss Beulah McNeill held an "egg hunt" for her Sunday School class on Easter Monday afternoon.

Miss Frances Shipley had an outdoor party for the boys and girls of the Church School Service League on Tuesday after Easter.

Annual election of the Parochial Committee will be held Wednesday, April 4th, 8 P. M. Results will appear in the May MESSENGER.

The Choir and Woman's Auxiliary had an Easter party in the school room, Friday evening, the 6th inst.

Full report of the contributors to the Easter Offering, and the results of the Church School's Lenten effort, will be made in the May MESSENGER. Suffice it to know that Miss McNeill's girls brought in the highest class offering, viz: \$25. Splendid!

Word has just reached me of the serious illness of Master Willie Hopson, of West Philadelphia. Remember him in your prayers.

Read carefully the advertisements in the MESSENGER and patronize those places of business.

Are you supporting your church and paying your Minister's salary? If you are, well; if you are not, watch the MESSENGER from now on and you will see who are maintaining the Church and paying the Priest. The MESSENGER will keep you in touch with the affairs of your Church.

Mrs. Thomas' grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Inglis, 93 years of age, departed this life Easter Day, and was buried on the 5th inst. at Eden Cemetery. Rev. McDuffey officiated, assisted by Rev. Thomas.

Dr. R. Wellesley Baily has just returned from an extensive European trip, having spent much time in several hospitals improving his knowledge in several branches of medicine and surgery. He has resumed practice in Germantown and is temporarily located at 220 West Penn Street, the home of his brother, Dr. V. P. Baily, the dentist.

## RESULT OF ANNUAL BAKE

The annual bread and cake sale, held Saturday, March 17th, was a success. Thanks to the committee, members of the church and friends of St. Barnabas. We cleared \$131.26. The report from the committee is as follows:

Mrs. Luna Bell Wedlock.....	\$ 5.75
Mrs. Lavinia Gould.....	8.33
Mrs. Louise Howard.....	10.00
Mrs. Jennie King.....	10.25
Mrs. Rebecca Holcomb.....	14.00
Mrs. Maud Childs.....	14.25
Mrs. Emma Billups and Mrs. Estelle Warren.....	14.25
Mrs. Martha Jackson.....	14.43
Rev. E. S. Thomas.....	40.00

Total ..... \$131.26

Note: Mrs. Cora Brown did not bake on March 17th. She has promised to do her part after Easter. Mrs. Sarah Kelly has not as yet made a report.

Those who assisted Rev. Thomas in having his table full of good things are as follows: Mesdames O. and I. Madison, Roane, Ravlin, Stone, Puryear, Foster, Ransom, Wickens, M. E. Brown, Ross, Proctor, Mary Johnson, Keen, Tokus, Miss Maddox, Miss Elvia Hall and Mr. Sedgwick.

OUR RETIRING BISHOP  
AND HIS ENDORSEMENT OF OUR PARISH HOUSE PLAN



The Rt. Rev. PHILIP M. RHEINELANDER, D.D. LL.D., D.C.L.

Bishop Rhinelander, owing to ill health, resigned as head of the Diocese of Pennsylvania at the Diocesan Convention, May 1st. The Presiding Bishop and House of Bishops will take action on his resignation in September. The Bishop's resignation had a chilling effect on the Convention, and it was with profound regret that it was accepted.

He was born at Newport, R. I., in 1869. He was educated at St. Paul's School, Concord, and at Harvard, from where he went to Christ Church, Oxford, taking his Oxford degree in 1896. He was professor of religion and missions in the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass., when he was elected Bishop Coadjutor to Bishop Mackay-Smith, of this Diocese. He succeeded Bishop Mackay-Smith in 1911.

The following letter shows how deeply interested the Bishop is in the building of a Parish House for St. Barnabas', Germantown.

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Church House  
202 South Nineteenth Street  
Philadelphia

May 9, 1923

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I cordially endorse the plan to build a Parish House for St. Barnabas' Mission, Germantown, and I take pleasure in commanding the undertaking to the people of the Diocese.

Faithfully yours,

*Philip M. Rhinelander*

Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The building will cost \$30,000. We have very nearly \$5,000 in hand. We are now campaigning for \$5,000 more. Will you help us with a generous contribution towards the balance? Thank you. E. S. T.

The Reverend E. S. Thomas

# The Messenger.

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## PRIEST'S COLUMN

My dear Parishioners:

Ascension Day is the fortieth day after Easter. It is one of the moveable feasts like Easter which falls on a different date each year. This year, Thursday, May 10th, is the feast of the Ascension.

There are five outstanding events in the life of our Blessed Lord, viz: His Birth, Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. These with other phases of His life, the church commemorates each year on the appointed days.

The ascension of Christ was necessary. He had been sent by His Father from heaven to earth to do a special work, to wit, the redemption of mankind. The tremendous task of reconciling man to God having been accomplished, the time came for His return to the Father. And so forty days after His resurrection "He led them (His apostles) out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

Behold then your ascended Lord and triumphant Redeemer. The gates of heaven swing open wide to receive the King, while angelic voices sing their joyful alleluias.

He ascended into heaven to receive the glory which He had with the Father before the world was; to prepare a place for us, that where He is there we may be also; to be our High Priest, making constant intercessions for us, and maintaining our cause.

This is the Coronation Day of the Saviour of the world. He had many foes but He triumphed over them. And as an earthly general, after the

successful termination of a war returns to the capital of his country bringing with him many trophies won on the field of battle, so our Conqueror of conquerors goes up into heaven having bound those who had enslaved us. Sin, the devil, the world, death—these are the enemies he has overcome. And today He enjoys His triumph. "Lift up your heads, O ye gate; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory." Unfold therefore the portals of your hearts and receive with joy the triumphant and ascended Christ, and may He ever dwell in you and you in Him.

Faithfully yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

## THE PARISH HOUSE

Bang! Bang! We're off. At the crack of the imaginary gun the entire membership of our church started on its campaign, Tuesday, May 1st, to raise at least \$5,000 for the much-needed parish building. The campaign will continue throughout the summer months, coming to a close Sunday, October 7th, which will be our Parish House Rally Day. The question was asked, "How do you propose raising \$5,000?" Here is the plan. There are sixteen confirmation classes in the church, each class has been organized, and consists of a captain, first and second lieutenants and privates. Each class is asked

to raise at least \$250.00 and should sixteen classes on Sunday, October 7th, report their quotas we will have \$4,000. The remaining \$1,000, the priest (or shall I say the commander in chief) has pledged himself to bring in, with the aid of his friends and helpers.

Let all the "doubting Thomases" who are now shaking their heads retire from the line so that the faithful and loyal soldiers might not be affected by your cold indifference and utter lack of interest in the project, then come around on the Parish House Rally Day, and we will have reserved seats for you, and show you how great things can be done for God and man by those who have a mind to work.

The officers of the classes are as follows:

- '05 Mrs. Brinkly, L. Gould, Sr., and Mrs. E. Johnson.
- '06 S. E. Johnson, Mrs. Mintess and Mrs. Holcomb.
- '08 Mrs. Burgess, J. Ulett, and Mrs. B. Brown.
- '09 Mesdames Fareira, Price and Goldman.
- '10 Mesdames E. Jackson, Walton and Warren.
- '11 Wm. J. Brown, J. Fareira, Sr., and Mrs. S. Harris.
- '12 C. E. Young, B. Iszard, and Mrs. Ransom.
- '13 J. Childs, The Misses C. Maddox and F. Robinson.
- '14 Mesdames Childs, C. Hall and Dabney Young.
- '15 Mesdames C. Thompson, B. Dorsey and Paris Laws.
- '16 Mrs. Foster, The Misses E. Jones and M. Harrison.
- '17 Mrs. C. Madison, The Misses A. Marshall and J. Davenport.
- '19 A. C. Nichols, Mrs. Asa Johnson and J. Wedlock.
- '19 The Misses D. Jackson, C. Hall, and I. Wedlock.
- '20 P. V. Baugh, Charles Brown, and Mrs. S. Kelly.
- '21 H. V. Suydam, Mesdames H.

Ulett and I. Foote.  
'22 Messrs. J. Lee, L. Pierce and Mrs. Tokus.

Five of the classes are out in front having already arranged for entertainments to be given shortly. Classes '16 and '22 are going to St. Peter Claver's Hall, Wednesday evening, May 23rd; admission 50c.

Classes '09 and '11 will go to Waltz Dream, Thursday evening, May 31st; admission 50c.

Class '05 will hold a "Baby Contest" in the school room, Thursday evening, June 21st.

Let all the classes get busy and stay busy, and success will crown our efforts.

The Priest was asked to present the Negro Work of the Diocese to the Convention held recently at Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, and in the course of his address he made mention of the parish house and the campaign that is now on. He likewise spoke to the Diocesan Committee on St. Barnabas, and I can assure you that there is real interest on the part of our friends in that which is very close to our hearts right now, viz., the parish building.

#### \$230 FOR MISSIONS

The Lenten offering from our Church School for missionary purposes this year is far in excess of last year. Really, it is the best effort we have ever made, and a great deal of the credit is due to the fine spirit evidenced by the teachers to help others to know Jesus Christ.

In addition to what was brought in the "mite chests," each class made a special effort to raise funds, with the following results:

Miss M. Jackson's class.....	\$ 5.32
Miss G. Jones' class.....	6.00
Mrs. M. Price's class.....	7.87
Miss F. Shipley's class.....	15.00
Rev. Thomas' class.....	24.45
Miss B. McNeill's class.....	25.00

The Tuesday Afternoon Guild

contributed \$35 from a "rummage" sale. So that from the extra efforts put forth we realized \$118.64 for missions, the difference between that amount and the total, \$230, came from the "mite boxes." Last year our missionary offering was \$156. So you see what can be accomplished by a little extra effort. Twelve children, one teacher, Mrs. Price, also Mrs. Thomas and the Priest attended the service for the presentation of the children's Lenten offering held at Holy Trinity Church, Sunday afternoon, April 22nd, at which time an offering of about \$0.000 was presented by all the children in the diocese for missions.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL

#### SERVICE LEAGUE

President, Miss Laura Pierce.  
Secretary, Miss Frances Robinson.  
Treasurer, Miss Anita Marshall.  
Every Tuesday from October to May the children meet. There are 40 girls and boys on roll with an average attendance of 25.

The activities consist of sewing, embroidery, pasting, wood-cutting and painting. Each meeting is brought to a close with a short religious service by the Priest.

We had a Mission Study Class of four sessions during Epiphany. Subject: "Heroes of the Black Continent." Leader, Mrs. John D. Thomas.

The children shared in preparing a Christmas box for Indian children at the Rosebud Agency, South Dakota, sent by the C. S. S. L. of Pennsylvania, value \$21.50.

Sent Christmas box to Christ Church Chapel, Boydton, Va., value \$10.00. The gifts in this box were made by the boys and girls.

Sent Christmas box through the Church Periodical Club to Stonyville, North Carolina, value \$5.00.

Sent 175 cards to Hungarian Mission at Phoenixville, Pa.

The children gave a Pageant entitled, "The Soldiers of the Church," in Epiphany, at Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, and at St. Peter's Church, Germantown.

A missionary service was held at St. Barnabas in Epiphany, at which time Archdeacon White was the speaker. Offering amounted to \$7.

Every Tuesday during Lent a service was held for the children at 3:45 p. m.

Cash contributions made by the boys and girls are as follows: From "rummage sale" for Lenten offering \$25.00; for St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C., \$5; for St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va., \$5.00; for Archdeacon Baskerville, Charleston, S. C., \$5.00.

Two boxes of clothing sent to Hebrew Christian Synagogue; two boxes of clothing to City Mission; ten scrapbooks to Municipal Hospital; fifty magazines and books to Soldiers' Hospital, Sheridan, Wyoming.

The teachers in the C. S. S. L. are Miss Shipley, Miss Sloane, Miss Grafley, Mrs. Suydam, Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. John D. Thomas.

The guild closed with an outdoor party on Tuesday, April 24th, and the children had a very enjoyable time.

#### NOTES

Late returns from "Bread and Cake Sale," Mrs. S. Kelly, \$7.00, Mrs. Cora Brown, \$13.50. Thanks, ladies.

Master Willie Hopson departed this life Friday, May 4th, and was buried from his parents' residence, 5000 Woodland Avenue, Tuesday, the 11th inst. Rev. Thomas officiated assisted by Rev. Bright. Our Church and Church School sent a beautiful floral cross. The lad was 17 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Newlin brought

their six children to be baptized, Sunday, April 22nd, and in connection with the children's service that afternoon at 3 o'clock, Edith, James, George, Mildred, Florence and Thomas were made "members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of heaven."

Is it well with your child? Unless it is baptized it is not a Christian. Why not discharge that most important duty to your child now. Don't put it off any longer.

The Easter offering for the support of our Church amounted to \$200. Some of our members gave nothing, and I know them, because I have a list of the contributors. 'Tis not fair to call yourself a member and not support the Church.

Our sister church, St. Augustine's, 21st and Columbia Avenue, the Rev. Henry S. McDuffey, Priest-in-charge, will be consecrated on Whitsunday at 11 A. M. by Bishop Rhinelander. Mr. McDuffey celebrates at the same time his fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the sacred ministry; and in recognition of his two score years of service for God and man the members of the advisory board and congregation will tender a reception to the Rev'd and Mrs. McDuffey, Tuesday evening, May 22nd, at 8:30 o'clock.

We of St. Barnabas will anticipate that "happy day" that is coming for priest and people of St. Augustine's, and extend here and now our heartiest congratulations to this venerable Priest of the Church, his wife and flock.

The choir is now getting ready for a song service on Whitsunday afternoon, May 20th, 4:30 o'clock. The following artists will assist:

J. la Black, Mezzo Soprano.  
Ida Potts, Contralto.  
Miss de Montreaut, organist and

pupil of Marcel Dupre of Notre Dame, Paris.

Tell your friends and be sure to come.

The three prizes offered in connection with the Church School Lenten offering were won by Dorothy Pierce, (a prayer book and hymnal) Alice Smithey and "Betty" Thomas. The last two children received each a book on the "Life of Christ."

The sick: Mrs. L. Pierce is in the Lankenau Hospital; Father Coombs of St. Michael and All Angels, is in the Episcopal Hospital; Mr. John Ulett and Mrs. Josephine Mitchell are ill at home. Your prayers are asked for these and others. May they soon regain their health.

#### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN APRIL.

The Misses Elvia Hall, M. Harrison, T. Reynolds, E. Jones, B. McNeill, C. Gibbs, S. Lewis; Mesdames H. Ulett, O. Roane, E. Pillups, M. Price, B. Dorsey, R. Brinkley, A. Nichols, E. Jackson, J. King, E. Walton, S. Polk, E. Rumbley, Johnson, E. L. Paxton, S. Keen, B. Nickens, M. McCord, M. E. Brown, C. Fareira, M. Jackson, O. Marshall, B. Brown, M. Childs, N. Burgess, L. Pierce, R. Helcomb, D. Puryear, S. Kelly, C. Mintess, L. Ransom, N. Thomas, Messrs. S. E. Johnson, L. Gould, S., R. Ulett, Charles Brown, J. Dorsey, R. Ross, W. Joell, H. Rowe, J. Fareira, Sr., W. T. Coleman, Thomas Ulett, L. Pierce, Wm. Kelly, R. Smith, and Robert Ulett.

On to hear! Who? The Peerless Orator Judge William H. Harrison, of Oklahoma, on Friday Evening May 25 at the Y. M. C. A. 5849 Germantown Avenue, Admission 50c Children 25c

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# The Messenger.

Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, Priest.

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## PRIEST'S COLUMN

My dear Parishioners:

The first of the five months allotted to campaigning for the parish house has gone.

The month of May found several of the classes busily engaged in securing a "nest egg" which will serve to stimulate and encourage them to make further additions in the coming months and thus raise their quota, and perhaps go beyond it before the Parish House Rally Day, Sunday, October 7th, arrives.

Other classes and groups of workers are now mapping out their plan of procedure, and 'twill not be long before all Germantown will see, and hear, and know that St. Barnabas' folk are in real earnest about securing their much-needed building, and this fact will be evidenced by a knot of workers here and an active group of campaigners there, yea, everywhere one turns he will be confronted with a band of zealous, enthusiastic, and devoted church workers and their friends, having as their objective the realization of St. Barnabas' Parish House.

Keep this in mind, that he who would attain certain heights in life is more than likely to encounter many obstacles and discouragements ere life's ambition is realized. But every barrier, every failure and every discouraging feature is a real test of your sincerity of purpose, and it will either make or break you.

There are souls who believe that

barriers and hedges are made to be surmounted, and that these seemingly deterrents are for the express purpose of calling out the very best that is in them, and making them more determined to go forward and win out, and such souls invariably emerge on top.

Such qualities I know you possess, qualities that will spell success to our undertaking. If your appeals are met by refusals on the part of some don't be discouraged, press on. If an effort falls short of the desired results, don't lose heart, try again; success is just around the corner but you must go after it, and go hard. He who contributes to our cause, thank him, and he who says, "no," thank him for at least listening to your story. All through the campaign be an optimist, firmly believing that you are going to succeed. We are engaged in the Lord's work, and He will abundantly bless us, only be faithful and do your part well.

Sincerely yours,

E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

Beginning with Sunday, June 17, the Evening Service will be discontinued and the afternoon service at 5 o'clock will be held. Will you come out on the 17th and see how bright and hearty a service we can have from 5 to 6 o'clock?

Also, the Sunday School will convene at 9.30 in the morning instead of 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

## AUDIENCE WITH BISHOP

A few days after the adjournment of the Diocesan Convention your Priest sought an interview with Bishop Rhinelander, which he most graciously granted, allowing me fifteen minutes to bring before him such matters as were on my mind. Of course, there was but one thing that preoccupied my mind, viz., the parish house, and that we discussed in the allotted time. The fruit of that conference appeared in the May "Messenger," to wit, the endorsement by the Bishop of our parish house plan. That letter of endorsement has been given wide publicity, and it will be the means of bringing substantial financial help from our friends in the diocese.

A great deal can be said in fifteen minutes, but there are certain subjects that require more than that limited space of time to adequately treat them, and that was the case with the subject we discussed. However, my time being up, even though I had something else to say, I had to retire. But on arriving home I wrote the Bishop the following letter:

St. Barnabas' Rectory, G'tn.

May 7, 1923.

The Rt. Rev. P. M. Rhinelander, D. D.  
202 S. 19th St., Phila.

My dear Bishop:

Thanks for the interview granted me today. I left your office cheered and encouraged by the confident manner in which you voiced your belief that our much-needed parish house will be built, and that soon.

The old friends of St. Barnabas' are deeply interested in this matter and I am doing all in my power to raise up new friends so that this necessary piece of forward work will soon be started. Your "official word" in the promised letter will add tremendous impetus to the whole movement, coming as it will at the psychological moment, a moment when

a large number of our church people in the diocese are hearing about St. Barnabas, and have her great and crying need on their minds.

Bishop, you will soon be leaving us, and it would be a grand thing if, as one of your last acts, you should make it possible for our parish house to get under way. I tell you, Sir, my people would never forget your kindness, and the building would ever be a reminder of what you did for them in the closing days of your office as Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The building is estimated to cost \$30,000.

We have in hand practically \$5000 We (my congregation and I) are now campaigning for \$5000 more. The Woman's Aid to the Convocation are now devising "ways and means" to give substantial help this coming fall. The Convocation is with me. The most important thing is to get started, to break ground, and let our people and friends see something going up, and the necessary moneys will come. Are there any funds at your disposal that you can devote to this cause? Bishop, do help me to put this thing over.

Again I thank you for your confidence in us and our work,

I am,

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

## BISHOP GIVES \$3000

On Whit-Sunday Eve, May 19, the annual festival of the "Bishop's Brick Fund" was held at St. Mark's Church, Frankford.

Over 1000 children were in attendance, they having come from all parts of the diocese. 'Twas a most imposing scene to witness these young soldiers of the Church in procession, some carrying silken banners, others miniature churches and hods of bricks made out of card board; our group of

youngsters carried the picture and plan of St. Barnabas' parish house. The churches, bricks and parish house plan, also the offering brought by each group of children, were taken up to the Bishop, who stood at the foot of the chancel, and received them from the hands of the children as the name of each parish participating in the "Brick Fund" service was called.

The object of the "Bishop's Brick Fund" is to aid in church extension in the diocese.

The Bishop addressed the children, congratulating them on the splendid assistance they had given him during the past twelve years in aiding several of the Missions and Church institutions.

He then announced that the offering this year at that service would be given to aid St. Barnabas, Germantown, to erect their parish house. O! how our hearts throbbed with joy as we realized that the children of the diocese with their quarters, and dimes, and nickles and pennies had made so generous an offering and will share in the pleasures and happiness that will be ours when the building is up and completed. No small credit for the Bishop's decision in this matter to devote the offerings to our cause must be given to the Rev. Gilbert Pember, of St. Michael's Church, Germantown; to Miss E. S. McClellan, Treasurer of the "Brick Fund" and Mrs. John D. Thomas, an indefatigable worker for church extension in the diocese.

## THE PICNIC

The sixteenth annual picnic of our church and school will go to Maple Grove, Thursday, July 12. This is one of the outstanding social events of the year, and it serves a double purpose. (a) It affords a day of pleasurable outing and recreation not only to our members, but to a large number of our friends. (b) From the proceeds of

the picnic we are enabled to purchase the winter's supply of coal, which is an important item for consideration.

Last year, through the hearty cooperation of the Picnic Committee and the members of the church, we cleared over \$400. We hope to do as well this year, and we will, if every man and every woman will do his and her part. Ask for tickets from the committee, then sell them, as we can't buy coal with returned tickets. Tickets will be 35 cent each. "Happy Six" will provide the music.

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## NOTES

Coming events for the Parish House Fund. Mrs. Burgess' class will give a dramatic and vocal recital, Thursday evening, June 7, in the school room. Admission 25 cents.

Mrs. Brinkley's class will hold an

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Apron and Necktie Social in the school room, Friday evening, June 15. "Happy Six." Admission 25 cents. Also on Thursday evening, June 21, the same class will hold a "Baby Contest" in the school room. Bear these dates in mind and come.

The annual Sunday School Lawn Party will be given on Thursday eve., June 28, on the lawn of the church. Admission 25 cents. Good music and refreshments. The proceeds from the lawn party will take the children free of charge and provide all lunches and refreshments on the church's picnic for the youngsters. Buy a ticket and so help the kiddies to have "one big day" at Maple Grove, July 12.

The Provincial Conference of Church Workers among colored people will meet this fall in the Church of the Holy Cross, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 25-27. Our Women's Auxiliary should begin now to raise the necessary funds to send at least one delegate to the Conference. If you can send two so much the better. But start now to arrange for cost of transportation and missionary contributions to the conference.

Some of the clergy are envious of the proposed trip the Rev. Mr. McDuffy will take this summer. As a mark of appreciation for the splendid work he has done at St. Augustine's, the advisory board and congregation voted at his recent anniversary to give him a trip to California. Needless to say he didn't refuse the offer, and one of the brethren was heard to say that he hasn't any objections to accompany Mr. Duffy as his Chaplain. But the old gentleman can take good care of himself. Congratulations Brother Mc. May the trip prove of great benefit to you.

On Whit-Sunday, May 20, the Rev. Arthur G. Coombs, Vicar of the

Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels, West Philadelphia, departed this life after an illness that lasted several weeks.

Vespers for the dead were said the following Tuesday evening by Fathers Garrett and Griffith, assisted by the choir.

On Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the burial office was read by Arch-deacon Henry L. Phillips, which was immediately followed by a requiem mass at which Fathers Vernon, Garrett and Griffith were the Celebrant, Deacon and sub-Deacon respectively. A few out of town clergy with nearly 100 per cent. of the colored clergy of the diocese and a sprinkling of our white brethren were in attendance vested. Interment was at Eden Cemetery. May the Lord grant him rest, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

Glad to report that Mrs. L. Pierce and Mrs. M. McCord have recovered from their recent illness, and having left the hospital, they are now at home recuperating. Give God the praise, ladies. He has spared you both. Serve him better.

Mr. Alexander Holcomb is still in the Germantown Hospital, but is gradually coming around alright.

Sunday afternoon, June 3, in connection with the children's service William Randolph, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Crowner, was received into Christ's flock by baptism.

Welcome back to Germantown Mrs. Alice Dorsey Marshall, and may success attend the business venture Dr. Marshall and you have made in establishing the East Side Drug Store.

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June, 1923.

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**A NEW DISEASE**

Here is a new disease to which attention has been called:

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First—The symptoms vary, but the disease never interferes with the appetite.

Second—it never lasts more than 24 hours.

Third—No physician is ever called; the pastor, however, is often blamed for not calling during the week.

Fourth—the disease always proves fatal in the end—to the soul.

Fifth—it is becoming fearfully prevalent and is destroying thousands every year.

The attack comes on suddenly, but only on Sunday; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night—the patient sleeps well and wakes up feeling fine. He eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on violently and continues until the services are over for the morning.

Then the patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he feels much better and is able to talk and read the Sunday papers. He eats a hearty supper, but about church time in the evening he has another attack and stays home. On Monday morning he is entirely able to go to work and does not have any symptoms of the disease until the following Sunday.—Selected.

**PICNIC CLEARS \$400 WITH MANY TICKETS STILL OUT.**

It is with a grateful heart and thanksgiving to God that we chronicle the success of our annual outing.

The weather condition of the morning of July 12 gave every indication that we were in for a good

soaking. Moreover, the weather man predicted showers and being mindful of the "wetting" we had received on many a St. Barnabas picnic day in the past, we felt very sick at heart, and quite frequently uttered a short prayer, and we were not alone in our depressed condition and in our frequent supplications to God for a clearing of the sky.

Well, the sky did clear and the people of Germantown poured into the grove in unprecedented numbers, with the result that we recorded a bigger and better picnic than any year in our history, for which we give God the praise.

Over 900 people passed through the gates either on foot or in automobile. The cash receipts at the gate alone amounted to \$168. Splendid. The various committees were slow in getting started, but when once in motion nobody ceased until every plate of ice cream was sold, every bottle of "soft stuff" dispensed with, for every bag of peanut, a nickel had been received, and not a "dog"—hot or cold—uttered a "bark" from the kitchen. Everything sold out and that early, that is, around 9:30 P. M. Isn't that fine?

The Sisters and the children of St. Mary's School were the guests of our Church School.

The Rev. Richard Bright brought 35 of his children and 9 adults from St. Monica's to join our happy throng. We appreciate their patronage. Everybody had a glorious time and all went home feeling happy after a day's outing on St. Barnaba's picnic.

Keep your ears to the ground, as it is more than likely that the priest and his helpers will give a picnic before the season closes for the benefit of the parish house. Remember, he has pledged himself to bring in \$1000 on October 7, so he has to give something soon.

# The Messenger.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."—St. James 1, 22

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Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, Priest.

Vol. I.

Germantown, Pa., July-August, 1923.

No 6.

**PRIEST'S COLUMN**

My dear Parishioners:

Two and a half months have elapsed since the start of our campaign to raise at least \$5000 for our Parish House Fund. In other words, we have but two and a half months left in which to realize the object for which we have given and are giving ourselves.

The first Sunday in October will soon be here, and it behooves us all to be up and doing. We haven't any time to lose. We should be feverish in our efforts and interests.

As the heat of summer becomes more and more intense, so our passion for a successful campaign should be marked by its increasing warmth and vigor.

No one denies the absolute necessity for this building, for on every side we receive congratulations on the beginning of the work, which, on completion, will fill a long-felt need. The Parish House undoubtedly will be the making of St. Barnabas, and act as a feeder for our church. In it the weekly activities will be held. To it you will come for guild meetings, concerts, lectures, suppers and other forms of entertainment. The younger element will seek and find healthy recreation and physical development in its spacious gymnasium. The main auditorium will afford the people of this community a place to hold receptions and other social functions. The parish will actually be "at work" in this building during the week, and then on Lord's Day will repair to His house—the

church—for divine worship.

But before we can enjoy the facilities and opportunities this building will contain and offer, we must be willing and ever ready to "spend and be spent" in the efforts that are put forth to raise funds so as to make certain its erection and completion.

We now know definitely what it will cost. Bids have been asked for and received by the architect, Mr. Frank R. Watson. The following building contractors have submitted these bids:

1.—Sutton and Stephenson, Philadelphia, \$35,255.

2.—H. John Homan Co., Philadelphia, \$36,487.

3.—Thomas C. Trafford, Philadelphia, \$37,256.

4.—William C. Wright, Germantown, \$37,587.

5.—James Johnston Co., Philadelphia, \$38,000.

6.—Samuel Harting & Sons, Germantown, \$38,824.

Sutton and Stephenson are the lowest and successful bidders, and to that firm the contract has been awarded. So then, we have to raise for the completed building \$35,255. Of this amount we have \$20,000 in sight by October 1, and that includes the \$5000 we are now campaigning for.

The contract has been so drawn that if we don't see our way clear to raise the remaining \$15,000 then the building will stop at the first floor and a temporary roof put on by November 15. On the other hand, if by October 1 there is a possibility of raising \$10,000 of the remaining \$15,

000 we can give the contractor the word and he will complete the building by February 15, 1924.

The one thing then for us to determine here and now is, do we want a half building or a whole building, an incomplete or a completed parish house?

Most assuredly we desire a finished building, and that being so, it simply means this, that we must DOUBLE our efforts, each class try to bring in on the Parish House Rally Day, Sunday, October 7, not \$250 as was originally asked, but \$500, and by so doing we will be in a position to say to the contractor: "Go ahead and finish our Parish House." For, remember, it is cheaper to finish a building when the workmen and building materials are on the premises than to have them stop the operation, put on a temporary roof, and return after a year or so.

Let this town of ours resound with many activities during August and September for this great cause. Let each member with his or her subscription book be ever on the job, and bring in on your book not less than \$50. You can do it, and I know you WILL do it, because a finished building standing in all its beauty and grandeur is much more to be desired than a half-finished and incomplete one.

Go on, then, my good people, and play your part well, and our efforts will not only be blessed by God, but the youth of today and the children of tomorrow will honor and appreciate the services rendered and the sacrifices made for our good and theirs.

Sincerely yours,

E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

### BREAKING THE GROUND

One of the cardinal events in the history of our church's life came to pass on Saturday afternoon, July 14, at 3 o'clock, when the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D., Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, presided at the ceremonies of breaking ground for our new parish house. *Deo gratias.*

A brief service was held in the church in which the Bishop, several visiting priests, the choir and a good size congregation took part.

The processional, 491, "The Church's One Foundation," was sung with snap and great vigor; the Bishop followed with the Lord's Prayer, after which the Rev. M. Van Meter, of Calvary Church, Germantown, read the 48th Psalm. The lesson taken from Ezra 1:1-6 was read by the Rev. Father Garrett, of St. Thomas' Church, Philadelphia. Cruickshank's Magnificat in G was then rendered by the choir.

After the Creed and Collects three 5-minute addresses were made. The first by the Rev. John H. Chapman, rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, and dean of the Convocation of Germantown, who expressed the wish that with the aid of the parish house St. Barnabas' would soon become an independent church in the diocese.

The next speaker was the venerable Henry L. Phillips, D. D., Archdeacon of the colored work in the diocese. He stressed the fact that in 1875 the Church of the Crucifixion and St. Thomas' were the only two colored congregations in Philadelphia, while at present there are 14 places of worship and all doing well.

The last speaker was the Rev. Gilbert Pember, rector of St. Michael's Church, Germantown, who represented the Executive Council of the diocese. He stated that the Council

was back of the movement to construct the new parish house, but that the job was ours, and that all eyes are upon us to note the outcome.

As an offertory the choir sang "Rejoice in the Lord," by Calkin.

The offering was to defray the expenses of removing the remains from some of the graves in the cemetery back of the church that were directly in the way of the parish building. These were reinterred in another place in the churchyard.

Each member was asked to give \$1 to meet the expenses, so if you have not given yours, please bring it or send it.

The closing hymn was one of marvelous beauty and tremendous strength—418.

"O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come."

At the close of the hymn the procession started for the churchyard. A cross-bearer and his acolytes led the way, immediately followed by the choir. Then came Mr. William Jackson Brown, warden of the church, bearing the shovel with which the ground would be broken.

Another cross-bearer (the priest's son) and his acolytes preceded the clergy with the congregation following.

The whole procession moved through the church, out on the sidewalk and into the churchyard, passing between the church and the rectory to the place set apart for the breaking of ground.

There the Bishop blessed the ground, after which Psalm 122 was read by the priest-in-charge, the congregation responding. Bishop Garland then turned the first spadeful of earth, followed by the priest-in-charge and the visiting clergy. Mr. Jackson Brown, representing the Parochial committee; Mrs. Ruth Brinkley, for the women of the church; Miss Maud Hall, for the Sunday School; Miss Frances Shipley, for

our white friends, and Mr. Randolph Smith, for the choir. The actual ground-breaking being accomplished everybody joined heartily in singing Hymn No. 466:

"Now thank we all our God,  
With heart, and hands and voices."

After which the Bishop pronounced the benediction and everybody was happy.

The clergy present in addition to those already mentioned were the Revs. J. D. Harewood, A. E. Henry, John R. Logan, D. D., Richard Bright, Thomas S. Cline, Wood Stewart and George M. Plaskett, of Orange, N. J.

The architect and a member of the contracting firm were also present. Mr. John J. Courtney, dean of Germantown newspaper men, was also in attendance, and gave us a splendid writeup in The Philadelphia Record the next day.

### SENATOR PEPPER'S ENCOURAGING WORD RE THE PARISH HOUSE

Philadelphia, July 10, 1923.  
Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas,  
St. Barnabas' Rectory,  
112 W. Rittenhouse Street,  
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

My dear Sir:

I have filed your letter with a number of other worthy appeals to which I shall be glad to give attention as soon as I have succeeded in paying off the pledges by which I am already bound.

Yours very truly,  
G. W. PEPPER.

**EXTRA**—St. Barnabas' 2nd picnic, benefit the Parish House Building Fund, will be held at Maple Grove, Friday, August 17th. Tickets, 35 cents. Rev. Thomas and his helpers, also Mr. Jackson Brown's class, will give the picnic. "Happy Six."

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO MINISTER'S SALARY IN JUNE

The Misses Maud Harding, Elvia Hall, Dorothy Welles, Marion Jackson, Beulah McNeill, Rosa Webb, Sadie Lewis, Caroline Gibbs.

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Messrs. William J. Brown, Arthur Nichols, Russell Ross, Thomas Ulett, Leander Pierce, Robert Ulett, Randolph Smith, Charles Brown, John G. Ulett, Joseph Lee, L. L. Gould, Sr., Clarence Young, Joseph Fareira, Sr., P. V. Baugh.

If your name does not appear you know the reason why.

### NOTES

**Coming Events for the Benefit of the Parish House.**

July 19, "A Hay Frolic and Lawn Fete," by Class of 1921. Mr. H. V. Snydam, Captain "Hap y Six." Tickets, adults, 20c; children, 15c. At the church.

A Street Carnival, July 25 and 26, at Tacoma street and Earlham terrace by the Class of 1923. Mr. Julian Childs, captain.

Tuesday evening, July 31, in the school room, a band concert by the Class of 1905. Mrs. Brinkley, captain.

Mr. Alex. Holcomb, who was in the Germantown Hospital for several weeks, is now at home and improving.

Mrs. Charlotte Mintess is in the

Samaritan Hospital where she underwent an operation about 10 days ago. She is doing nicely.

Mrs. Olive Marshall's brother, Mr. Charles W. Swift, of Cresmont, Pa., died July 5 and was buried July 9.

In honor of the ground-breaking exercises three gifts were made:

(a) A new shovel, by Miss M. Evelyn Jones.

(b) The ribbon that adorned the shovel was doubly donated by Miss Noma Edmead, of New York, and Mr. H. V. Snydam, Jr.

(c) The flowers on the altar by Mr. Samuel Sedgwick.

For these three donations the church is extremely grateful.

Mrs. Nina Hopkins was operated on in the Douglas Hospital quite recently, and we are glad to report that she has recovered sufficiently to return home.

Patronize all those who advertise in "The Messenger." Thank you.

Mrs. Bessie Brown is ill at her home, 5918 Magnolia avenue, and Mr. Robert Ulett, who was overcome by the heat two weeks ago and confined to his bed, is improving.

Remember the sick in your prayers.

### BAPTISMS

Baptisms Sunday, June 24, 11 A. M.  
Flora Viola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Snydam.

God-parents, Mr. Robert Ulett and Mrs. Helen Ulett.

Sunday, July 8, 11 A. M.  
"Betty" Jane and Harry Wheatland, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheatland Townsend.

God-parents, Mrs. Bessie Dorsey and Edgar Bascom for "Betty."

Lewis Mintess and Mrs. Annie Mintess for Harry.

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## PRIEST'S COLUMN

My Dear Parishioners:

"Almost, but not quite" is a phrase that aptly fits the result of our Parish House campaign just brought to a close. At the very outset, we must congratulate those classes that worked real hard, classes that were conscientious, sincere and determined to do all in their power for the Parish Building. These left no stones unturned, trusted to no weak points, were ever on the go trying to turn up something, these quite naturally succeeded in accomplishing a great deal; while those other classes with less determination, having but a modicum of interest, with little or no will or desire to do much, got out of their efforts just what they put in, and that was little or nothing.

But we must not and will not stop to cry and lament over what "might have been" had every member of St. Barnabas been actuated with a burning zeal and enthusiasm for the success of a common cause. Our duty under the circumstances is obvious, *we must press on*. True what has been accomplished is not to be minimized or laughed at, yet at the same time we are conscious that we fell short of the goal, our success was not full and complete, that being the case "there remaineth yet much land to be possessed."

When we say "our" duty is obvious, the "our" refers to the loyal, faithful and true members of St. Barnabas, the really interested and self-sacrificing people of the church. As for the nominal members, the "dead wood" in the parish, we cannot waste time with them, they hinder rather than help. To this group the parish house is not a necessity, as they forever offer excuses when called upon to prove their faith by their work. These having joined themselves to some idol it is the part of wisdom to leave them alone.

The \$3770 brought in on the Rally

Day should stimulate us to further efforts; it shows what can be done and we *must carry on*. The building is going up and it cost money, and the only safe and honorable way to obtain funds is to work for it and some of us are willing and anxious to do that.

Let us then suggest the program for the second leg of the campaign. Starting on Sunday, October 14, and continuing to Christmas Day, a period of ten weeks, let us try to raise at least \$2500, the same to be brought in as our Christmas offering for the Parish House. Only let this be clearly understood, we are not asking each class to bring in a certain amount as was done in the recent campaign; this is to be an *individual effort*, each member of the church is being asked and urged to raise at least \$25 for the Parish House by Christmas morning. You have your subscription books, continue to use them.

Of course, the classes may function as such in giving entertainments, etc., and groups of workers may elect to do this thing or that to raise the proceeds, but in the long run it is the individual who is being asked to make an offering of at least \$25. This arrangement should not be difficult for the man or woman, boy or girl who loves St. Barnabas and is anxious to see our work expand, develop and grow.

Finally, let me caution you against waiting until the last two weeks of the campaign before you get busy. *Begin now*, accept any amount that is offered you on your book, plan your house parties and socials today, don't say you have plenty of time, get busy at once, and when Christmas comes you will have your \$25 to give for the Parish House.

My good people, you can accomplish this task; only have faith in God and a strong and resolute determination to work for Him and His cause and success will crown your efforts.

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

## LAYING THE CORNER STONE

Sunday, September 23, will never be erased from the minds of the people of St. Barnabas and her friends. "Twas a "red letter day" in our history, and also a "wet" day as many can testify.

From early morning until 1:30 o'clock it poured, and then "heaven smiled on us" as the rain ceased, giving us a chance to begin the services outdoors.

Promptly at 3:30 we began, and at 5 o'clock the recessional was being sung. The echo of the final amen had scarcely died away and hurriedly a goodly number of the congregation and friends had departed for their homes, because of ominous looking clouds, when alas the flood gates of heaven were opened wide and many were soaked with "showers of blessing" ere reaching home. But it was a wonderful day for us and a wonderful service.

Because of the absence of both Bishops from the diocese, the Rev. John H. Chapman, rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, and Dean of the convocation of Germantown, laid the stone.

The congregation and friends assembled in the church and at the appointed time marched in procession to the new building now in course of erection, led by two cross bearers and their acolytes, the choir, the Wissahickon Brass Band and the clergy.

The opening hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," with the aid of choir and band, was sung with great spirit and vigor. The Rev. Gilbert Pember then read the 48th and 84th Psalms, after which the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Arndt read the lesson from the Fourth Chapter of the First Epistle General of St. John. The dean then made clear the object of the service, following with the Creed, Lord's Prayer and other prayers.

A list of the contents placed in the cornerstone was read by Mr. John G. Ulett, secretary of the Parochial

Committee, and were as follows:

1. Photographs of Bishop Rhinelander and Bishop Garland, Archdeacon Phillips; Dr. Upjohn and Rev. Thomas.
2. List of the Communicants of St. Barnabas.
3. Names of the Parochial Committee of St. Barnabas.
4. Names of the committee appointed by the Germantown Convocation on building the Parish House, viz.: the Rev. John H. Chapman, the Rev. Thomas S. Cline and Mr. Clarence C. Brinton, to which are added the names of the Rev. Gilbert Pember and Mr. Edward H. Bonsall, who were appointed by the Executive Committee of the Diocese.
5. Names of the architect and his associates.
6. Names of the builders of the Parish House.
7. Names of two sisters conspicuous for their zeal and unselfish labors for St. Barnabas, Miss Frances S. Shipley and Mrs. John D. Thomas.
8. Copy of the Prayer Book and Hymnal.
9. The Convention Journal of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for 1923.
10. The Church News of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
11. The Church Advocate, Rev. Dr. George F. Bragg, Jr., of Baltimore, editor.
12. Several copies of St. Barnabas' "Messenger" from February to September.
13. Daily papers—The Public Ledger and the Philadelphia Record.
14. Weekly papers—The Philadelphia Tribune and the Germantown Telegraph.
15. Copy of the Program of Laying the Cornerstone.

Hymn, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation," was then sung, after which the stone was put in place by Messrs. Clarence E. Young and Joseph U. Lee, of the Parochial Committee.

The Dean laid the stone, striking it three times with the trowel "in the Name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Ghost," after which the Te Deum was sung.

Three addresses were made. The Rev. Dr. J. DeWolf Perry, president of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Dr. John R. Logan, vicar, St. Simon the Cyrenian, and the Rev. Irving A. McGrew, rector, Church of the Epiphany, Germantown.

Hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," followed, after which an offering of \$116 was received while the band played a selection.

The Dean said the closing prayers and pronounced the Benediction. The final hymn was the soul stirring "Onward Christian Soldiers," and the faithful hadn't marched very far in the direction of their homes before they were stopped by a barrage of rain drops.

## THE RALLY DAY

It would be ungrateful on our part not to mention at the outset that Sunday, October 7, dawned upon us clear and cool, and that brand of weather continued throughout the day.

At 7 A. M. there was a Corporate Communion of all the Confirmation classes from 1905 to 1922. At least 100 came out to this early service. Master Ernest Thomas played the hymns, "O Spirit of the Living God" and "Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken."

Eleven A. M. there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon. The special service was at 4 P. M. All classes formed in the school room and on the lawn, and with flags and banners they marched into the church from the street, led by the cross bearers and the choir, the clergy bringing up the rear. Mendelssohn's "March of the Priests" was played by the Trouveres Instrumental Trio as the procession entered the church. The opening hymn was "Saviour, Blessed Saviour, Listen While We Sing." Psalm 145 was then read and the lesson St. John xv was

read by the Rev. Mr. Pember. The choir sang Cruickshanks' Magnificat splendidly.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. William Victor Tunnell, professor of history, Howard University, Washington, D. C. Text, St. Matthew ix, 2. "And Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy: Son, be of good cheer: thy sins be forgiven thee."

Those who were privileged to hear this outstanding and brilliant Negro Priest of the church will long remember his sermon.

As an offertory the choir rendered "Praise the Lord," by A. Randegger, which was immediately followed by a 'cello solo, by Mr. Albert Berry. The special offering for the Parish House was then announced as follows.

Class	Capt.	Amount
'05	Mrs. Brinkley .....	\$273.45
'06	S. E. Johnson .....	113.25
'08	Mrs. Burgess .....	187.80
'09	Mrs. Fareira .....	91.00
'10	Mrs. Walton .....	10.00
'11	Wm. J. Brown .....	200.19
'12	C. E. Young .....	250.00
'13	Julian Childs .....	216.07
'14	Mrs. M. Childs .....	158.00
'15	Mrs. K. Thompson ..	15.00
'16	Mrs. Ada Foster .....	186.28
'17	Mrs. C. Madison .....	103.00
'19 1st	Miss D. Jackson .....	37.90
'19 2nd	Arthur Nichols .....	159.68
'20	P. V. Baugh .....	124.75
'21	H. V. Suydam .....	85.00
'22	Joseph Lee .....	81.75
Offering at Cornerstone Laying .....		116.47
The Church School .....		65.00
General Offering .....		25.56
Rev. Thomas and his helpers		1,289.51

Total ..... \$3,790.26  
Gave to Rev. Tunnell for expenses ..... 20.00

\$3,770.26

By "gleaning" we hope to bring the total to \$4000 on Sunday, October 14. The Te Deum was then sung, fol-

lowed by prayers and Benediction. We closed the service singing "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart."

**CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN SEPTEMBER**

The Misses Sadie Lewis, Mable Harrison, M. Evelyn Jones, Maude Harding, Tama Reynolds and Clara Maddox. Mesdames Florence Smith, Lavinia Gould, Lillian Ransom, Ophelia Roane, E. Lillian Paxon, Harriette Tokus, Matile Price, Anna Nichols, Ruth Brinkly, Martha Jackson, Nettie B. Thomas, Nannie Burgess, Ora Jane Madison, Sarah Harris, Isabel Foote, Helen Williams, Helen Ulett, Mary E. Brown, E. Rumbles-Johnson, Jennie King, Carrie Fareira, Senora Polk, Sarah Kelly, Mattie McCord, W. T. Coleman, S. E. Johnson, and John H. Lee. Messrs Charles Madison, John G. Ulett, Rowedal Jackson, Jr., Joseph Lee, William Jackson Brown, Karl Foote, S. Emmanuel Johnson, Thomas Ulett, Randolph Smith, James Dorsey, Arthur C. Nichols, L. L. Gould, Sr., C. R. Whyte, R. M. Jackson, Charles Brown, John H. Lee, Russell Ross, M. Williams, Joseph Fareira, Sr., Robert Ulett, William T. Coleman, William Kelly, Henry B. Iszard and Samuel Sedgwick.

**NOTES**

Glad to report that Archdeacon Philips, who was in the Mercy Hospital for over two months, has left that institution and is now recuperating in Atlantic City. We missed his bodily presence at the Cornerstone and Rally Day exercises, but he was with us in spirit. May he fully regain his health.

Mrs. Blanche Nickens departed this life Tuesday morning, September 25, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at her residence, 76 West Duval street, Thursday evening, September 27. The Rev. Robert H. Tabb, of the Church of the Crucifixion, assisted the Priest-in-charge. The body was then taken to Petersburg, Va., for

interment. Mr. Nickens, Mrs. Brown and Joe, Jr., accompanied the body.

Though a frail creature and undergoing constant pain and discomfort of body, she had great faith in the sure promises of God, and served Him to the best of her ability. The end was very peaceful. May she rest in the Paradise of God.

Mrs. Susan Joell and Mrs. Estelle Warren continue rather poorly. Friends! go to see them, carry something nice with you and help them all you can in the time of their sickness. Now is the time; go today.

The Rt. Rev. Edward Thomas Demby, D. D., Suffragan Bishop of Arkansas and the Province of the Southwest, observed the fifth anniversary of his consecration Saturday, September 29, with special services in St. Andrew's Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Congratulations, Bishop Demby, and may Almighty God prosper you and your work.

Bishop Rhinelander's day of devotional meeting and conference for the Germantown and Chestnut Hill branches of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at St. Luke's Church, Germantown avenue above Coulter street, on Tuesday, October 30, 1923.

10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion. Address by the Bishop. Offering for Missions.

12 M.—Intercessions. 1.00 P. M. Luncheon.

2.30 P. M.—Conference. Missionary addresses. Question Box in charge of the Bishop. Luncheon, 50 cents.

Confirmation instructions will begin Wednesday evening, October 17, at 8 o'clock. Help your Priest to find candidates for the class.

A Rummage sale will be held for the benefit of the Parish House early in November. Friends! if you have anything that you don't want to put away for the winter, telephone G'tn 1877 and someone will gladly call for the articles. Thank you.

**EXTRA:** The Parish House Fund reached the \$4000 mark on Sunday, October 14th.

October, 1923.

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A Staunch Friend of St. Barnabas.



The Rev. Samuel Upjohn, D. D.,

Rector of St. Luke's Church Germantown, who has resigned the rectorship after giving forty years of vigorous, untiring and constructive service. His resignation becomes effective, Sunday, December 2nd. Dr. Upjohn has been made rector emeritus and will continue to live in the rectory.

## PRIEST'S COLUMN

My dear Parishioners:

The long Trinity season is now drawing to a close and with it the Church's ritual year. Very soon a new Christian year will dawn upon us. To be exact, Sunday, December 2, will be Advent Sunday, and that day marks the beginning of a new year in the Christian church.

Now then, if we are really honest and sincere in our Christian discipleship, what more advantageous period could we utilize for a spiritual inventory, a "taking of stock" of our religious life than these closing days of the old Church year?

Surely none of us would claim to be perfectly satisfied with our attainments along the spiritual way of life, notwithstanding God has blessed us with an increase of faith, love, devotion and service toward Him and our fellowmen.

As we review the past year we note with increasing distinctness the many opportunities that presented themselves to enrich our souls and bodies, and through us the souls and bodies of others, but we are conscious that we failed to buy up every opportunity, we allowed many to slip and get away because of procrastination and a lack of deep seriousness.

Some of us have trifled with our religion during the past year, with these inevitable results; our faith is thin and

emaciated, church attendance has become a lost art, little or no desire to make our communion, being out of touch with the activities of the church, giving no helping hand for the maintenance and upkeep of the church, in short, some of us are so near being spiritual corpses that it will require a large infusion of the grace of God into our souls before any real sign of spiritual revivification will be evident. May God hasten that day for the good of His ungrateful children.

And for whatever good use our Heavenly Father has made of those who love Him and are eager and most willing to serve Him even though that service called for continued sacrifice, we yield Him praise and thanks for giving us the will and the desire to spend and be spent in His cause.

A new year is opening up for us, and with it will come new opportunities for prayer, new calls for service, new tests of faith, new proofs of love. How shall we enter upon this new period of grace? With the blessed assurance of God's promise, viz: "them that honor me I will honor." Also, let us begin it with gratitude and confidence, thanking God for his many mercies of the past, and facing the future with unswerving faith and a courage born of trust in God. Turn over a new leaf, draw nearer to God, practice self-inspection, and say, "I do remember my faults this

day," but God being my helper I will correct them and begin to serve Him anew. Re-dedicate and re-consecrate yourself at the opening of the new year, and say, with David, "Lord, I am thine, save me." Be ready, like St. Paul to be useful—and ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

A life thus spent in the service of God and man will bring contentment, satisfaction and no little happiness. Then will you be able to say with the inspired hymn writer of old:

New mercies each returning day,  
Hover around us while we pray;  
New perils past, new sins forgiven,  
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

Sincerely, yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

#### \$2500 BY CHRISTMAS FOR PARISH HOUSE

The second leg of the Parish House Campaign is now on, and each member is engaged in securing at least \$25 as his or her Christmas offering to be used for the parish house.

For the past four years the congregation has by united effort made a present to the church at Christmas of something mostly needed.

In 1920 electric lights were installed, also a special gift of an Alms basin and two offertory plates (by the confirmation class of that year, Mr. Clarence R. Whyte, President).

In 1921 a brass and oak pulpit in memory of 42 sons and daughters of St. Barnabas was dedicated.

In 1922 a brass eagle lectern in memory of the Rev. William Emanuel Hendricks, two parochial com-

mittee members, Messrs. J. Foster and S. Mintess and four other souls, was dedicated.

Now in 1923 our united gift to the church is to take the form of \$2500 for the parish house. To do this successfully we are asking 100 persons to give \$25 each. WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE ONE HUNDRED? Let us pull together and make our task that much lighter. When our new building is finished and we are able to occupy it, we will love it and have a justifiable pride in it, because we have waited long and labored hard, and made sacrifices for it. Only seven weeks remain in which to give your entertainments, bake and sell your bread, cakes and pies, and solicit contributions from your friends before the anniversary of the birthday of Christ is here. So be up and doing, and 'twill be with gladdened hearts and quickened steps you wend your way to church in the early morning of Christmas, there to present your gift at the Altar of God, while you kneel around the "sacred board" to receive the joy and thrill and blessing that comes to the devout soul in whom Jesus is born anew.

#### PRESENT STANDING OF THE CLASSES

Since the rally day on October 7 when \$3790.26 was brought in for the parish house by the classes, some additions have been made, and we gladly publish the full giving strength of each class up to the present.

Class.	Captain.	Amount.
'05	Mrs. Brinkley	\$ 316.95
'12	C. E. Young	303.00
'13	Julian Childs	269.07
'11	Wm. J. Brown	200.19
'08	Mrs. Burgess	196.90
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'06	S. E. Johnson	113.25
'17	Mrs. C. Madison	113.00
'09	Mrs. C. Fareira	104.26
'21	H. V. Suydam	88.10
'19	1st. Miss D. Jackson	48.15
'15	Mrs. K. Thompson	46.00
'10	Mrs. E. Walton	31.00
	The Church School	65.00
	General Offering	39.56
	Offering at Cornerstone Laying	116.47
	Rev. Thomas and his helpers	1372.01

Total	\$4173.37
Cave to Rev. Tunnell for expenses	20.00

Balance	\$4153.37
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Friends! We are making payments on the building each month and if you have not yet sent in or brought your contribution, will you please do so now, we need it. Thank you.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL SERVICE LEAGUE

The opening meeting this fall of the Church School Service League was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, at 3:30 o'clock. Forty boys and girls were present and seven teachers. From the teaching staff three officers were appointed as follows: Miss Katharine Hall, President; Miss Dorothy Jackson, Secretary, and Miss Frances Robinson, Treasurer.

The hearts of the Directress, Miss Shipley, and her assistant, Mrs. John D. Thomas, were made glad by the splendid attendance of the children. There is a wonderful possibility of accomplishing a great deal of missionary work this winter, provided we can secure the willing services of a few more women to help teach the children to sew, crochet and knit. The making of picture books is

mighty interesting to the little boys, especially as they know the books are sent to the children's ward of the Municipal Hospital and other hospitals. Right now the youngsters are busy preparing Christmas gifts for the Rosebud Indians.

You who read this, aren't you willing to give a helping hand to these children on Tuesday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock? We can never hope to keep the children interested and to have them come regularly unless a few women volunteer to come and help. You will enjoy the work and the youngsters will be benefited. Mrs. Mary Burton McKinney, of Grace Church, Mount Airy, joined the teaching staff on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, and we are greatly appreciative of her interest. But some of the women of St. Barnabas should be moved to help in this work, it is their duty. Will you help?

#### CONTRIBUTOR'S TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN OCTOBER

The Misses Tama Reynolds, Dorothy Welles, M. Evelyn Jones, Caroline Gibbs, Elvia Hall, Maude Hardin, Mesdames Sadie Keen, Rebecca Holcomb, Olive Marshall, E. Lillian Paxon, Daisy Puryear, Lavinia Cruld, Carrie Fareira, Nannie Burgess, Maude Childs, Emma Billups, Lillian Ransom, Bessie Dorsey, Ruth Brinkley, E. Rumbles Johnson, Helen Ulett, Senora Polk, Mattie McCord, Letitia Pierce, S. E. Johnson, W. T. Coleman, Messrs. Joseph U. Lee, Wm. J. Brown, C. E. Young, Stephen Burnett, Charles Brown, Robert Ulett, Murry J. Marvin, Randolph Smith, Julian Childs, Joseph Fareira, Leander Pierce, Rowland Stalworth, Wm. T. Coleman, S. Emanuel Johnson, Frank Billups.

## NOTES

A "rummage sale" for the benefit of the parish house will be held in the school room Wednesday, 14th instant, 2 P. M. Be sure to come, as there will be good things for you.

The pupils of Mrs. Helen Fareira Williams will give a musicale in the school room Thursday evening, November 15. Admission 25 cents. Program begins at 8.30 o'clock.

An oyster supper—that's what you have been wanting to hear, will be given in the school room Thursday evening, November 22, by Mrs. Ada Foster and the Misses Evelyn and Gertrude Jones. Tickets 35 cents. "Happy Six" benefit parish house.

But friends! Listen to this. A turkey supper, hoo-rah. This is the annual turkey supper, and this year it will take on the form of a PARISH SUPPER. No committee will be out selling tickets, but each member will be given TWO TICKETS and asked to come; bring a friend and contribute \$1 for "current expenses." Everything being given for the parish house and nothing for the church expenses we find ourselves running behind. The Men's Club as usual will prepare and serve the supper. The men will be glad to receive contributions from anyone toward the cost of the supper so that every dollar brought in by the guests will be clear money. Night of supper, Tuesday, November 27. Tickets 50 cents.

Services on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, are as follows: Holy Communion, 7 A. M. Morning Prayer and address 11 A. M. Contributions of foodstuffs and money

will be divided between the Douglas and Episcopal Hospitals.

Mesdames Helen Ulett and Isabel Foote will give an entertainment in the school room, Thursday evening, December 6, benefit parish house.

Extra: The choir of the Church of the Crucifixion will give a sacred musicale at St. Barnabas, Sunday afternoon, November 25, at 4 o'clock. Mr. William King, organist and choirmaster, will have charge. Offering for the parish house. Remember the date; come and bring a friend.

The teachers at St. Mary's School for Girls have arranged to hold a bazaar for the benefit of the school on Monday and Tuesday, December 10 and 11, at the Y. W. C. A. The Sisters and teachers will be glad to receive donations for the bazaar, and they hope to have a fine assortment of articles suitable for Christmas gifts. The school is a credit to the community; it deserves your interest and support; give both unsparingly.

Mrs. Anna Bailey Nichols has returned from Atlantic City where she was under the care of a physician. She looks and feels much better. We are glad.

Dr. William R. Henry announces the removal of his dental office from the Y. M. C. A. building to his residence, 5601 Baynton street. We wish you success, Dr. Henry.

St. Barnabas extends a hearty welcome to the new Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Mr. Harrison H. Cain. A reception was given Mr. Cain by the directors of the "Y" Wednesday evening, November 7. Pull together, boys!

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"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and  
see this thing which has come to pass."

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## PRIEST'S COLUMN

My dear Parishioners:

Christmas with all its joy, and thrill, and happiness will soon be with us. How expectant we now are, and with what eagerness we look forward to that great feast. But when the King comes will He find any room in the "inn"—your heart—or, will you be like the innkeepers of Bethlehem too busy looking after the needs and comforts of your friends and yourself to give proper regard, respect and welcome to the arrival of the Christ child?

This is a busy world. Men and women are so feverishly engaged in the temporal affairs and duties of everyday life, that very little consideration is given to the claims of God. However, as the King is always coming, yea, coming every day to your life and mine, being ever present with us whether we realize it or not, may the bright'ness of His presence cause us to awake out of sleep and make ready to greet and receive Him.

"No ear may hear His coming.  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him  
still,

The dear Christ enters in."

The church bids all her children to <sup>esp</sup> her around the "Holy Table" on Christmas day and make their Communion. Nothing but sickness should hinder you from discharging your prime duty on that day, which is to "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord.

And drink the holy Blood for you out-poured."

There will be one big service on Christmas day, and that will be at 7 o'clock in the morning. That service will consist of a choral celebration of the Holy Communion with sermon.

Where it is absolutely impossible for a communicant to be present on

Christmas morning, he or she need not fear that the Christmas season will pass without an opportunity to make his or her Communion, as there will be a celebration at 7 o'clock on the three mornings immediately following Christmas day, those days being St. Stephen, St. John Evangelist and Holy Innocents.

Let us then prepare our hearts to receive anew God's inestimable gift to the world in the person of His Eternal Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." May your Christmas be merry, merrily in the fuller realization that He whose birthday we celebrate came to share the nature of us all, to sympathize with us in our sorrows, to seek and to save the souls of all of us. Herein lies the glory of the gospel message.

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

## WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN

When Christ was born of Mary free,  
In Bethlehem, that fair citie,  
Angels sang there with mirth and glee,  
*"In excelsis gloria."*

Herdsmen beheld these angels bright,  
To them appearing with great light,  
Who said, "God's Son is born this night,"  
*"In excelsis gloria."*

This King is come to save mankind,  
In Scripture promised as we find,  
Therefore this song we have in mind,  
*"In excelsis gloria."*

Grant us, O Lord, by Thy great grace,  
In heaven in bliss to see Thy face,  
Where we may sing to Thy solace,  
*"In excelsis gloria."*

## \$1000 GIFT FOR PARISH HOUSE

Early in November a "friend" of St. Barnabas made the Priest very happy when a letter addressed to him was opened and a check for \$1000 for the parish house was found therein.

The following Sunday the congregation present joined with the Priest in a special service of thanksgiving to God for the generous contribution made on our behalf and in the interest of our work. 'Twould be needless to say how truly appreciative and profoundly thankful the Priest and people of St. Barnabas are for the genuine interest manifested by this "friend" in making so splendid a gift towards the erection of our much needed parish house.

This kind act has already stimulated us to make certain our Christmas rally of \$2500, and to this end both the young and the old are now bending their energies.

The following note accompanied the check:

Chestnut Hill, Nov. 9, 1923.  
My dear Mr. Thomas:

I am sending the enclosed check for \$1000 for your new parish house. I hope the rest of the amount will soon be received.

With best wishes for the future of St. Barnabas.

Yours truly,

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**WOMAN'S AID TO CONVOCATION OF GERMANTOWN GIVES \$504 FOR PARISH HOUSE**

"Tis said "it never rains unless it pours," and this contribution verifies that saying.

Within 10 days after receiving the above mentioned \$1000, another pleasant surprise was given the Priest, when, at the fall meeting of the Germantown Convocation held at Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, the Woman's Aid to the Convocation after request-

ing the Priest to address them on matters relative to the parish house, presented him with a check for \$504 to aid in the completion of the building. Again my heart was made glad to see marked evidence of interest of this group of missionary women in the work in which I am engaged, and for which I put forth my best efforts. After expressing my thanks for the contribution, the ladies joined with me in singing the Doxology, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!" closing with a missionary prayer.

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**CHRISTMAS RALLY CALLS FOR \$25 EACH**

The first floor or basement of the parish house is nearing completion. We are hoping to be able to hold the children's Christmas tree exercises in it, Friday evening, December 28. 'Twill be a happy occasion for the youngsters no less than for the grown-ups if we can use the building during the Christmas holidays. In the meantime we have to continue raising funds for the work.

Our goal for Christmas is \$2500 and to accomplish that we are trying to get 100 persons to give \$25 each, and to bring it in as their Christmas offering at the 7 A. M. services.

We know it calls for hard work and sacrifice to bring in \$25 each on Christmas morning, but it can be done, for when St. Barnabas' people set themselves to do a piece of work they do it and do it well. And the beauty of hard tasks done well is the joy that one experiences after the accomplishment.

The children of the Sunday school are doing their part with the "dime banks" to make success possible, so that both young and old will make an offering to God for the parish house on Christmas day. Only a couple weeks left to "gather in" the promised donations from friends. Don't wait until it is too late, go see them now, and press your claim.

**VIGIL**

By Mary Martin

The Christmas Altar radiant stands  
In Perfumed splendor shimmering bright,  
A thousand starry candles blaze  
A welcome to the Light of Light.

How brief our exaltation's mood.  
How soon our spirit's rapture tires!  
Our human praise can never know  
The constant gleam of heavenly fires.

The anthem ebbs; the glory dies;  
Before the dark and silent Throne  
Where once the myriad tapers flamed  
One soft red light glows on alone.

But when the busy world we serve,  
And duties call us far apart,  
Keep, Lord, that little lamp of Love  
Still shining steady in our heart.

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**CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN NOVEMBER**

The Misses M. Evelyn Jones, Paulah McNeill, Mable Harrison, Elaine Price, Rozalia Webb, Dorothy Welles, Mesdames Helen Williams, Florence Smith, Nannie Burgess, Lillian Ransom, Alice Dorsey Marshall, Louise Howard, Anna Bailey Nichols, Ruth Brinkley, Helen Ulett, Elizabeth Rumbles-Johnson, Mary Matile Price, Bessie C. Johnson, Letitia Pierce, Lavinia Gould, Sarah Kelly, Sadie Keen, Bethania B. Johnson, Cora Hall, E. Lillian Paxon, Carrie Fareira, Mattie McCord, Nettie B. Thomas, Katie Lee, Maude S. Childs, Ophelia Roane, Olive Marshall, Luncinda Webb.

Messrs. Arthur C. Nichols, William Kelly, William Jackson Brown, Russel Ross, Joseph U. Lee, Joseph Fareira, H. V. Suydam, Jr., John H. Lee, S. Emmanuel Johnson, James Dorsey, Frank H. Billups, L. L. Gould, Sr.,

O. C. Hall, C. R. Whyte, Leander Pierce, Charles Brown, Robert Ulett, Randolph Smith, Thomas Ulett, Matthew Williams.

**NOTES**

Archdeacon Henry L. Philips has returned to his home after a stay of five weeks in Atlantic City. His operation has made deep inroads on his health as he is not yet able to get about. We hope, however, that under the care of Dr. R. W. Bailey he will soon be able to resume his duties.

'Twas a real pleasure to have had Mrs. H. A. Hunt, wife of the principal of the Fort Valley High and Industrial School, Fort Valley, Ga., address the congregation, Sunday, A. M., November 11, on the work that she and her husband are doing at the school. Being a very pleasant and intelligent speaker, she painted a graphic word picture of the conditions and needs of the Negro youth in that section of the country. Her hearers were interested, and at the close gave a special offering of \$17.50 for the work of the school.

Thanks to all those who responded to the three appeals made in connection with our Thanksgiving day services. The Douglas Hospital received \$5 in money and quite an assortment of canned goods, cereals, fruits and vegetables. The Episcopal Hospital received \$15 in money, and the five children of our sick member, Mrs. Catharine Joell, over \$5 in cash. Of course, some of our people did not contribute anything, they did not even come to church, being so preoccupied with the football game and large dinners, they had no time to consider the sick or make provisions for the poor.

For the Diocesan sale of mission-made goods held at the church house during November, the following ladies

of St. Barnabas each made a cake: Mesdames R. Holcomb, N. Burgess, C. Pereira, H. Williams, Bessie C. Johnson, L. Gould, Martha Jackson, J. King, the Misses T. Reynolds and B. McNeill.

The committee in charge of the sale were pleased at the contribution made by St. Paul's. We understand that the sale was quite a success.

Don't forget the bazaar given by the teachers of St. Mary's School for Girls, 6138 Germantown avenue, Monday and Tuesday evening, December 10 and 11 at the Y. W. C. A., 6128 Germantown avenue, ticket, 50 cents. "Happy Six" will be there. Rev. Thomas has 50 tickets and as many members of St. Barnabas are asked to take one ticket and help the school. Will you take a ticket? The proceeds will help to enlarge the school's dining room.

The children of the church school service league are now preparing a Christmas box to be sent to Payton Chapel, Forksville, Va. The little ones are anxious to spread the Xmas joy.

Note this, please. On Sunday evening the 16th inst., Miss McNeill's class of girls will give a religious play entitled "A Mother's Faith." The play will be given in connection with the evening service at 8 o'clock, and you and your friends are cordially invited to be present.

The resignation of the Rev. Samuel Upjohn, D. D., who for 40 years was rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, became effective Sunday, December 2, First Sunday in Advent. The doctor, notwithstanding his feeble condition, celebrated the Holy Communion at 7 o'clock that morning, and at the 10:30 A. M. celebration had the Rev. Mr. Cavanaugh to read his fare-

well message to the people whom he had pastored for two score years.

On the day previous a loving people gave to their beloved Rector, whose leadership had come to a close, a purse of \$500.

Dr. Upjohn has been made rector emeritus, and with his family will continue to live in the rectory.

Bishop Garland will visit St. Barnabas Sunday evening, December 23, 8 o'clock, to give Confirmation. Bear the date in mind; come, and bring a friend.

The sick list—At home: Mrs. Estelle Warren and Mr. Alexander Holcomb. Mrs. Catharine Joell is in the Philadelphia General Hospital. Pray for them, and if you cannot go to see them drop them a post card with a word of cheer. Glad to report that Mrs. Suydam has recovered from her recent illness.

To erect the second floor or main auditorium of the parish house we need \$15,000, and as that is the more important of the two floors we must get busy in the coming year to have it built. We can do it.

"Watch night" services will be held at St. Barnabas' Monday night, December 31, at 11 o'clock, to be followed immediately by a celebration of the Holy Communion at 12:05 A. M. New Year's Day, being also the Feast of the Circumcision. Let us spend the closing hour of the old year and the opening hour of the new year in the House of the Lord. Come.

The "rummage sale" given by the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas, assisted by Miss Shipley, was a success. A little over \$50 was made, and it is quite likely that another "sale" will be held before Christmas. The proceeds are for the Parish House.

December, 1923

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**EXTRA!**

*T*he first floor (or gymnasium) of St. Barnabas' Parish House will be opened Tuesday Evening February 26th at 8:30 o'clock with a Supper, Speaking and Music. . . Subscription 50c pay at door. Be sure to come.

Latecomers: There are some people who come to church late every Sunday—an awful habit to acquire. We will call no names but if you keep your eyes open the latecomers will tell on themselves. So now watch out and see that you are on time.

St. Mary's School for Girls and the two Sisters presented the Priest with two sets of Eucharistic vestments last month, one green and the other red. We now have four sets of vestments, all given by these children. Thank you, little ones, thank you.

There is a report around town that some of our High School girls are "hooking" school for the movies in the city. Girls! this is your chance to get an education, make good now. There are many who would love to have your opportunity. Parents! watch your children, don't take everything for granted. You are responsible for your children's conduct. Know where they are during the week and on Sundays. If you don't know their movements, get busy, and find out before it is too late.

Keep your ears to the ground as to the opening of the first floor of the parish house. 'Twill be very soon. The finishing touches are now being put on. We need \$15,000 to erect the second floor.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, helped

to make the party given the children of our Church School Service League an enjoyable event by donating several quarts of ice cream. The youngsters are grateful for the act of kindness on the part of that missionary group of women.

**EIGHT EXCELLENT RULES FOR LENT**

1. Think about Jesus Christ, and not about yourself.
2. Do the sort of things for other people that you would do if you loved them.
3. Do not even talk of yourself or boast or seek praise or pity.
4. Do with absolute faithfulness every duty.
5. Rejoice at all the good you see in others and all the honors they achieve, and admire all that is admirable in all things.
6. Counteract all beginnings of evil, whether of thought or of act, by some positive thought or deed of good.
7. Do not do evil, thus avoiding remorse, and will to love, thus winning peace.
8. Do not be impatient. Go on coveting the best and highest, but remember that time is necessary for all things—to separate us from all past failures and shame and to bring us to the goal, and remember that it will be unconsciously, probably, that we shall draw nearer to it.

—The Parish Leaflet.

**The Messenger.**

Rev E. Sydnor Thomas, Priest-in-charge.

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**PRIEST'S COLUMN**

My dear Parishioners:

The most solemn and blessed season of Lent is nigh at hand. To be exact, March 5th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we begin a period of forty days of getting nearer to Jesus Christ through Prayer, intense and earnest prayer, both private and public, for ourselves and others; through Meditation, both in our home and in the House of God, when we think of our life and its duties; through Self-Examination, each looking squarely into his or her own life, observing and getting rid of the "beam" that is in thine own eye, and not unduly concerning ourselves with the "mote" that is in thy brother's; through Repentance, after discovering our sins, to forsake them, to part company with them, to be sorry for the awful scars they left on our bodies and our souls; through Church Attendance, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is," but the buying up of every opportunity of going to the House of the Lord for worship, being punctual and regular in our attendance upon all the services, especially the Holy Communion; through Good Works, seeking out the sick, the afflicted and those who need your help, and serve them for the Master's sake. Like St. Andrew of old, bring your brother or sister, bring somebody to Jesus and His Church, that they may taste and see that the Lord is good; through Almsgiving, if the Lord has given you much give proportionately; if little, give of that little to relieve distress, and so show compassion to the unfortunate. To maintain and advance

the interests of your church should be one of your chief concerns. "Will a man rob God?" Many rob Him by withholding their offerings from the church.

What a wonderful opportunity the above program gives for spiritual growth and development and to become more Christlike. Don't say it is too hard for you to put into practice, don't shrink back. You can meet every requirement by giving God a chance to work with you, and He will accomplish a great deal in you and for you when you firmly resolve to do His will.

God does not look for perfection in His children, but He does expect them to grow better and better day by day. Fellowship with Jesus should mean a steady and gradual upward growth, a daily drawing nearer and nearer to Him, so that this Lent we should be conscious of the spiritual advance made since last Lent, and as we look back we should be able to note the difference between the past and the present as they relate to our lives. Let us then determine to enter upon this most holy season of the Church's year with a singleness of purpose, viz., to rediscover what God would have us be and do, and by His grace reflect in our lives the beauty and blessedness that come from association with the Master.

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.  
**PRAYER**

By Hugh Wilson,  
Toronto, Ont.  
Prayer is talking with God. We are told to address Him as "Our Father." So we should bring all our

trials, sorrows and joys to Him as we would to our earthly father, and ask Him for advice and guidance; as we read "If any lack wisdom let him ask of God." We are also told to pray for the Holy Spirit which shall teach us all things, so we can find out what God's will is; another way is by studying the Word of God. I think that is a very easy way and a thing every one of us can do.

Will we get an answer to our prayers? "If ye abide in me and my word abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," is a promise that if we ask in the right spirit we will get an answer. It may not be in the way we expect or as soon, but God in His wisdom will send the best answer for our good. It may be that God is waiting to see if we are in earnest and really want what we pray for before sending the answer. So if we believe we are asking according to His will we are not to be discouraged, but to "pray without ceasing."

We must pray for others, as that is the only way we can reach some people. When we pray we must come to God in a humble spirit, confessing our sins and with true repentance in our heart; also thanksgiving for all His goodness to us. We must come in the name of Christ and all our requests must be subject to His will.

What about the power of prayer? Is it as great in these days as in the Bible times? It is just as powerful. I suppose you have all read about the time when the Germans were almost in sight of Paris when they stopped and fell back. At the same time all over the British Isles the churches were holding prayer meetings for the Allies, some of them continuing nearly all night. A few days after the retreat a British general was asked how it was done. He said, "No human power could have stop-

ped them. It was the power of God."

I think the general's words are a proof of the power of prayer. In these days we must have private prayer each day for strength to overcome the temptations of the day. We read in Luke 12: 6 that Jesus went up into a mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer, and the next day chose twelve apostles; also that he departed alone to pray before doing his greatest miracles. So if Christ, who was the Son of God, and without sin, needed to pray, how much more do we who are sinners need it before we can do the best work with the talents that we have?

Each one of us has some special duty to do and some place to fill in the great plan that God has for the world. The best thing we can do is to come to God in prayer that he may show each one of us his duty; then, like good so'diers of Christ, let us be up and do it. He will give us strength if we are faithful to the end and we can claim His great promise, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

#### SPECIAL SERVICE FOR MEN

The evening of Sunday, February 3, 1924, will live long in the memory of all those who were privileged to be at St. Barnabas' Church in connection with the special service that was held for the men of the parish and their male friends. Of course, women were not excluded. The truth of the matter is, the women acted as church police and brought the men that evening to the Courts of the Lord. The special preacher for the occasion was the Rev. ZeBarney Thorne Phillips, D. D., rector Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia, who lived up to his reputation of being a preacher of outstanding ability.

The men assembled in the school

room, and led by a full choir, they marched into the church singing with great snap and enthusiasm that most wonderful and inspiring of all the Epiphany hymns:

"From the eastern mountains,  
Pressing on they come,  
Wise men in their wisdom,  
To His humble home;  
Stirred by deep devotion,  
Hasting from afar,  
Ever journeying onward,  
Guided by a star."

One felt indeed that the men realized the presence of Jesus in their midst helping them to enter His courts with praise, for as they voiced the soul-stirring refrain of the above hymn:

"Light of Light that shineth  
Ere the worlds began,  
Draw Thou near and lighten  
Every heart of man."

The entire congregation was moved and thrilled by the enormous volume and strength of the music which was but a prelude to one of the most remarkable services ever held at St. Barnabas.

Immediately after Evening Prayer and before the sermon Mr. Harry V Suydam, Jr., tenor, sang Oscar Verne's "The Shepherd King" in a very acceptable manner. The well-known hymn and one full of inspiration to every preacher, viz., "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross!" was then sung, after which Dr. Phillips preached. Text I John v. 4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

For three-quarters of an hour he held his hearers spell-bound, looking the men squarely in the eyes, and challenging them to gain the mastery in every phase of life. He made a profound impression on the congregation—men and women alike—and they are wishing for him to return soon.

As an offertory, the choir rendered Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light," much to the satisfaction of the large congregation.

With impressive sweetness and depth of feeling "Tarry with me, O my Saviour" was sung as a vesper hymn, all kneeling; then followed the benediction. Sullivan's "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war" was the recessional which brought this never-to-be-forgotten service to a close. There were fifty men in attendance.

#### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN JANUARY

The Misses M. Evelyn Jones, Louise Harris, Maud E. Harding, Beulah McNeill, Alean Price, Tama Reynolds, Marion O. Jackson, Mesdames Nettie B. Thomas, Nannie Burgess, Anna Bailey Nichols, Bessie H. Dorsey, Carrie Fareira, Mary E. Brown, Senora Polk, Lucinda Webb, Jennie King, Olive Marshall, Helen F. Williams, Cora B. Hall, Mattie McCord, Sadie Keen, E. Lillian Paxon, Maude S. Childs, Ophelia Roane, Elizabeth Rumbles-Johnson, Lavinia Gould, Lillian Ransom, Helen Ulett, Alice D. Marshall, Mrs. W. T. Coleman (2 envelopes, no name), M. V. Jackson, Messrs. Clarence R. Whyte, S. Emanuel Johnson, Russell Ross, Matthew Williams, Joseph U. Lee, Lafayette L. Gould, Sr., John G. Ulett, J. W. Brown, Frank H. Burgess, Harry V. Suydam, Jr., O. C. Hall, Clarence E. Young, Joseph Fareira, Sr., A. C. Nichols, Randolph Smith, Charles Brown, Karl Foote, Robert Ulett, William T. Coleman.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH HOUSE IN JANUARY

Through Miss M. Harding....	\$1.00
Mr. Mordecai Bethel.....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Simmons .....	5.00
Mr. A. E. Brecht .....	5.00

Mr. Moyland Chew .....	5.00
The Sunday School .....	5.00
Woman's Aux., St. Luke's, Gtn. ....	30.00
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Total .....	\$52.00

**NOTES**

Welcome to St. Barnabas, Mr. and Mrs. Payne. We will be glad to have you take an active part in our church's life. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are from Baltimore, Md., members of St. James' Church, the Rev. Dr. Bragg, rector.

Services on Ash Wednesday will be as follows: Holy Communion, 7.00 A. M.; Evening Prayer, Penitential Office and Address, 8 P. M. Let every communicant be in church Ash Wednesday morning. Begin Lent at the altar.

There will be special preachers every Friday and Sunday evenings during Lent excepting the first Sunday evening.

On Sunday evening, March 9, at 8 o'clock, the combined choirs of St. Barnabas', Germantown, and St. John the Divine, West Philadelphia, will sing Mawnder's Lenten Oratorio, "Olivet to Calvary," at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary's, Broad and South streets, Philadelphia. Both choirs are now under training by Mr. Randolph Smith, organist and choir-master at St. Barnabas. Keep the date in mind and bring your friends to the service. Both congregations will follow the choirs to the Pro-Cathedral. Offering will be for the building fund of both churches. The Rt. Rev. E. Thomas Demby, D. D., Negro Bishop Suffragan of Arkansas, will be present and make an address.

A prize of a pair of skates or a "mamma doll" was offered to any

child in the Sunday School who brought in the highest amount in his or her "dime bank" at Christmas for the parish house. The prize has been won by Miss Julia Davenport, who brought in \$6.50.

Miss Davenport did not care for either skates or a doll, so we presented her with a music hymnal in connection with the service for children in the Church, Sunday, the 3d inst. Other children who pressed the winner for first place were Galveston Storts, \$5.10; George Storts, \$5.10; Miss Lucy Vaughn, \$5.

The Christmas tableaux were repeated in the church on Friday evening, the 8th inst. All the children taking part were present and did splendidly. The speaker on this occasion was the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown. He was very interesting and the children enjoyed his address. After the service the Woman's Auxiliary served punch and cakes to all the guests in the school room. The offering was equally divided between the Church School Service League and the Woman's Auxiliary.

Our parish gave \$40 toward "Sacrifice Week." 'Twas a mighty throng that filled Holy Trinity Church Thursday evening, January 31, to take part in the presentation service. The whole diocese gave at that time \$55,000 for missionary purposes. The Misses Evelyn and Gertrude Jones were present at the services, after which they very graciously brought the Priest home in their car. Miss Jones' automobile might well be called the "Missionary Car," for she is ever ready to place it at the disposal of the Priest to serve the church. A kindness which we appreciate.

February, 1924.

THE MESSENGER

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# The Messenger.

FEBRUARY, 1924.



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church  
West Rittenhouse Street  
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## EXTRA!

The first floor (or gymnasium) of St. Barnabas' Parish House will be opened Tuesday Evening February 26th at 8:30 o'clock with a Supper, Speaking and Music. .  
Subscription 50c pay at door. Be sure to come.

Latecomers: There are some people who come to church late every Sunday—an awful habit to acquire. We will call no names but if you keep your eyes open the latecomers will tell on themselves. So now watch out and see that you are on time.

St. Mary's School for Girls and the two Sisters presented the Priest with two sets of Eucharistic vestments last month, one green and the other red. We now have four sets of vestments, all given by these children. Thank you, little ones, thank you.

There is a report around town that some of our High School girls are "hooking" school for the movies in the city. Girls! this is your chance to get an education, make good now. There are many who would love to have your opportunity. Parents! watch your children, don't take everything for granted. You are responsible for your children's conduct. Know where they are during the week and on Sundays. If you don't know their movements, get busy, and find out before it is too late.

Keep your ears to the ground as to the opening of the first floor of the parish house. 'Twill be very soon. The finishing touches are now being put on. We need \$15,000 to erect the second floor.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, helped

to make the party given the children of our Church School Service League an enjoyable event by donating several quarts of ice cream. The youngsters are grateful for the act of kindness on the part of that missionary group of women.

### EIGHT EXCELLENT RULES FOR LENT

1. Think about Jesus Christ, and not about yourself.
2. Do the sort of things for other people that you would do if you loved them.
3. Do not even talk of yourself or boast or seek praise or pity.
4. Do with absolute faithfulness every duty.
5. Rejoice at all the good you see in others and all the honors they achieve, and admire all that is admirable in all things.
6. Counteract all beginnings of evil, whether of thought or of act, by some positive thought or deed of good.
7. Do not do evil, thus avoiding remorse, and will to love, thus winning peace.
8. Do not be impatient. Go on coveting the best and highest, but remember that time is necessary for all things—to separate us from all past failures and shame and to bring us to the goal, and remember that it will be unconsciously, probably, that we shall draw nearer to it.

—The Parish Leaflet.

# The Messenger.

Rev E. Sydnor Thomas, Priest-in-charge

Vol. I.

Germantown, January 1924.

No. 12.

## PRIEST'S COLUMN

My dear Parishioners:

The most solemn and blessed season of Lent is nigh at hand. To be exact, March 5th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we begin a period of forty days of getting nearer to Jesus Christ through **Prayer**, intense and earnest prayer, both private and public, for ourselves and others; through **Meditation**, both in our home and in the House of God, when we think of our life and its duties; through **Self-Examination**, each looking squarely into his or her own life, observing and getting rid of the "beam" that is in thine own eye, and not unduly concerning ourselves with the "mote" that is in thy brother's; through **Repentance**, after discovering our sins, to forsake them, to part company with them, to be sorry for the awful scars they left on our bodies and our souls; through **Church Attendance**, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is," but the buying up of every opportunity of going to the House of the Lord for worship, being punctual and regular in our attendance upon all the services, especially the Holy Communion; through **Good Works**, seeking out the sick, the afflicted and those who need your help, and serve them for the Master's sake. Like St. Andrew of old, bring your brother or sister, bring somebody to Jesus and His Church, that they may taste and see that the Lord is good; through **Almsgiving**, if the Lord has given you much give proportionately; if little, give of that little to relieve distress, and so show compassion to the unfortunate. To maintain and advance

the interests of your church should be one of your chief concerns. "Will a man rob God?" Many rob Him by withholding their offerings from the church.

What a wonderful opportunity the above program gives for spiritual growth and development and to become more Christlike. Don't say it is too hard for you to put into practice, don't shrink back. You can meet every requirement by giving God a chance to work with you, and He will accomplish a great deal in you and for you when you firmly resolve to do His will.

God does not look for perfection in His children, but He does expect them to grow better and better day by day. Fellowship with Jesus should mean a steady and gradual upward growth, a daily drawing nearer and nearer to Him, so that this Lent we should be conscious of the spiritual advance made since last Lent, and as we look back we should be able to note the difference between the past and the present as they relate to our lives. Let us then determine to enter upon this most holy season of the Church's year with a singleness of purpose, viz., to rediscover what God would have us be and do, and by His grace reflect in our lives the beauty and blessedness that come from association with the Master.

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.  
**PRAYER**

By Hugh Wilson,  
Toronto, Ont.

Prayer is talking with God. We are told to address Him as "Our Father." So we should bring all our

trials, sorrows and joys to Him as we would to our earthly father, and ask Him for advice and guidance; as we read "If any lack wisdom let him ask of God." We are also told to pray for the Holy Spirit which shall teach us all things, so we can find out what God's will is; another way is by studying the Word of God. I think that is a very easy way and a thing every one of us can do.

Will we get an answer to our prayers? "If ye abide in me and my word abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," is a promise that if we ask in the right spirit we will get an answer. It may not be in the way we expect or as soon, but God in His wisdom will send the best answer for our good. It may be that God is waiting to see if we are in earnest and really want what we pray for before sending the answer. So if we believe we are asking according to His will we are not to be discouraged, but to "pray without ceasing."

We must pray for others, as that is the only way we can reach some people. When we pray we must come to God in a humble spirit, confessing our sins and with true repentance in our heart; also thanksgiving for all His goodness to us. We must come in the name of Christ and all our requests must be subject to His will.

What about the power of prayer? Is it as great in these days as in the Bible times? It is just as powerful. I suppose you have all read about the time when the Germans were almost in sight of Paris when they stopped and fell back. At the same time all over the British Isles the churches were holding prayer meetings for the Allies, some of them continuing nearly all night. A few days after the retreat a British general was asked how it was done. He said, "No human power could have stop-

ped them. It was the power of God."

I think the general's words are a proof of the power of prayer. In these days we must have private prayer each day for strength to overcome the temptations of the day. We read in Luke 12: 6 that Jesus went up into a mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer, and the next day chose twelve apostles; also that he departed alone to pray before doing his greatest miracles. So if Christ, who was the Son of God, and without sin, needed to pray, how much more do we who are sinners need it before we can do the best work with the talents that we have?

Each one of us has some special duty to do and some place to fill in the great plan that God has for the world. The best thing we can do is to come to God in prayer that he may show each one of us his duty; then, like good so'diers of Christ, let us be up and do it. He will give us strength if we are faithful to the end and we can claim His great promise, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

#### SPECIAL SERVICE FOR MEN

The evening of Sunday, February 3, 1924, will live long in the memory of all those who were privileged to be at St. Barnabas' Church in connection with the special service that was held for the men of the parish and their male friends. Of course, women were not excluded. The truth of the matter is, the women acted as church police and brought the men that evening to the Courts of the Lord. The special preacher for the occasion was the Rev. ZeBarney Thorne Phillips, D. D., rector Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia, who lived up to his reputation of being a preacher of outstanding ability.

The men assembled in the school

room, and led by a full choir, they marched into the church singing with great snap and enthusiasm that most wonderful and inspiring of all the Epiphany hymns:

"From the eastern mountains,  
Pressing on they come,  
Wise men in their wisdom,  
To His humble home;  
Stirred by deep devotion,  
Hasting from afar,  
Ever journeying onward,  
Guided by a star."

One felt indeed that the men realized the presence of Jesus in their midst helping them to enter His courts with praise, for as they voiced the soul-stirring refrain of the above hymn:

"Light of Light that shineth  
Ere the worlds began,  
Draw Thou near and lighten  
Every heart of man."

The entire congregation was moved and thrilled by the enormous volume and strength of the music which was but a prelude to one of the most remarkable services ever held at St. Barnabas.

Immediately after Evening Prayer and before the sermon Mr. Harry V Suydam, Jr., tenor, sang Oscar Verne's "The Shepherd King" in a very acceptable manner. The well-known hymn and one full of inspiration to every preacher, viz., "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross!" was then sung, after which Dr. Phillips preached. Text I John v. 4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

For three-quarters of an hour he held his hearers spell-bound, looking the men squarely in the eyes, and challenging them to gain the mastery in every phase of life. He made a profound impression on the congregation—men and women alike—and they are wishing for him to return soon.

As an offertory, the choir rendered Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light," much to the satisfaction of the large congregation.

With impressive sweetness and depth of feeling "Tarry with me, O my Saviour" was sung as a vesper hymn, all kneeling; then followed the benediction. Sullivan's "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war" was the recessional which brought this never-to-be-forgotten service to a close. There were fifty men in attendance.

#### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN JANUARY

The Misses M. Evelyn Jones, Louise Harris, Maud E. Harding, Beulah McNeill, Alean Price, Tama Reynolds, Marion O. Jackson, Mesdames Nettie B. Thomas, Nannie Burgess, Anna Bailey Nichols, Bessie H. Dorsey, Carrie Fareira, Mary E. Brown, Senora Polk, Lucinda Webb, Jennie King, Olive Marshall, Helen F. Williams, Cora B. Hall, Mattie McCard, Sadie Keen, E. Lilian Paxton, Maude S. Childs, Ophelia Roane, Elizabeth Rumbles-Johnson, Lavinia Gould, Lillian Ransom, Helen Ulett, Alice D. Marshall, Mrs. W. T. Coleman (2 envelopes, no name), M. V. Jackson, Messrs. Clarence R. Whyte, S. Emanuel Johnson, Russell Ross, Matthew Williams, Joseph U. Lee, Lafayette L. Gould, Sr., John G. Ulett, J. W. Brown, Frank H. Burgess, Harry V. Suydam, Jr., O. C. Hall, Clarence E. Young, Joseph Fareira, Sr., A. C. Nichols, Randolph Smith, Charles Brown, Karl Foote, Robert Ulett, William T. Coleman.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH HOUSE IN JANUARY

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The Sunday School .....	5.00
Woman's Aux., St. Luke's, Gtn. ....	30.00
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Total .....	\$52.00

## NOTES

Welcome to St. Barnabas, Mr. and Mrs. Payne. We will be glad to have you take an active part in our church's life. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are from Baltimore, Md., members of St. James' Church, the Rev. Dr. Bragg, rector.

Services on Ash Wednesday will be as follows: Holy Communion, 7.00 A. M.; Evening Prayer, Penitential Office and Address, 8 P. M. Let every communicant be in church Ash Wednesday morning. Begin Lent at the altar.

There will be special preachers every Friday and Sunday evenings during Lent excepting the first Sunday evening.

On Sunday evening, March 9, at 8 o'clock, the combined choirs of St. Barnabas', Germantown, and St. John the Divine, West Philadelphia, will sing Maunder's Lenten Oratorio, "Olivet to Calvary," at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary's, Broad and South streets, Philadelphia. Both choirs are now under training by Mr. Randolph Smith, organist and choir-master at St. Barnabas. Keep the date in mind and bring your friends to the service. Both congregations will follow the choirs to the Pro-Cathedral. Offering will be for the building fund of both churches. The Rt. Rev. E. Thomas Demby, D. D., Negro Bishop Suffragan of Arkansas, will be present and make an address.

A prize of a pair of skates or a "mamma doll" was offered to any

child in the Sunday School who brought in the highest amount in his or her "dime bank" at Christmas for the parish house. The prize has been won by Miss Julia Davenport, who brought in \$6.50.

Miss Davenport did not care for either skates or a doll, so we presented her with a music hymnal in connection with the service for children in the Church, Sunday, the 3d inst. Other children who pressed the winner for first place were Galveston Storts, \$5.10; George Storts, \$5.10; Miss Lucy Vaughn, \$5.

The Christmas tableaux were repeated in the church on Friday evening, the 8th inst. All the children taking part were present and did splendidly. The speaker on this occasion was the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown. He was very interesting and the children enjoyed his address. After the service the Woman's Auxiliary served punch and cakes to all the guests in the school room. The offering was equally divided between the Church School Service League and the Woman's Auxiliary.

Our parish gave \$40 toward "Sacrifice Week." 'Twas a mighty throng that filled Holy Trinity Church Thursday evening, January 31, to take part in the presentation service. The whole diocese gave at that time \$55,000 for missionary purposes. The Misses Evelyn and Gertrude Jones were present at the services, after which they very graciously brought the Priest home in their car. Miss Jones' automobile might well be called the "Missionary Car," for she is ever ready to place it at the disposal of the Priest to serve the church. A kindness which we appreciate.

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# The Messenger.

**MARCH, 1924.**



**St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church**

West Rittenhouse Street

Germantown, Phila.

## ST. BARNABAS' ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER



Randolph Smith, Mus. Bac., McGill University, Montreal, Canada, who successfully directed the combined choirs of St. John the Divine, West Philadelphia, and St. Barnabas', Germantown, in the rendition of "Olivet to Calvary," at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, Philadelphia, Sunday evening, March 9

The cantata will be sung by the same Choirs at St. Luke's Church Main and Coulter Streets, on Passion Sunday night April 6th, at 8 o'clock. Be sure and come, don't miss it.

# The Messenger.

Vol. II.

Germantown, March 1924.

No. 1.

## Priest's Column.

My Dear Parishioners:

We are now in the midst of our Lenten observances. We have multiplied our services, the word of God is read oftener and more closely, on bended knees we hold converse with our Heavenly Father, the windows of our souls are wide open, that the sun of righteousness might shine within, more frequently do we feed on the Bread of Life. To what purpose are these intensive spiritual exercises at this time; in other words, why do we keep Lent? To get nearer to God and learn again the things He would have us do. Every prayer that we offer, every hymn we sing, every sermon we listen to, in short, every act of worship should be a help towards a closer walking with God.

When these forty days of discipline are over, these days of self-examination and real earnest effort to know the will of God, we should emerge bigger and stronger men and women spiritually than when we entered upon the most holy season; for "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint."

What a wonderful opportunity the Lenten fast offers to the servants of God to deepen their devotion, increase their faith, and enlarge their love, for as we meditate upon the life of Christ and note the many indignities that He suffered and endured for us men and for our salvation, our chief concern should be to live such a life that would bring glory and honor to His name.

We dishonor Him and inflict new wounds by wilful sins. We hurt His cause, and are impediments in the way of others who look to us to point out the way to the Master.

Sin is a great barrier; it separates

us from our fellow-men; it separates us from God. We shun the society of our decent friends and make ourselves conspicuous by staying away from the House of the Lord. O, the awfulness of sin.

Now the truth is this, that wherever God hates sin He loves the sinner. He wants to save men and women from their sins. Your soul is mighty precious in His sight, and He gave His son, Jesus Christ, to the death of the cross that your soul might be saved.

Therefore, during this penitential season the church bids us to "rend our hearts and so turn unto the Lord our God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil." For, "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Come now to the fountain opened for sin and uncleanness, whose waters are never cut off. Pardon and peace will be yours. "Come unto Me," said Jesus. "Why will ye die." Let us make good use of our spiritual opportunity.

Sincerely yours,  
E. Sydnor Thomas.

**Opening of Parish House.**  
At last the dream of many years has been partially realized. God be praised.

On Saturday afternoon, July 14, 1923, at 3 o'clock, Bishop Garland, in the presence of one dozen clergymen and a large congregation, broke the ground where the parish building is to be erected. That ceremony was not only thrilling, but one that gave inspiration to all present. Then on Sunday, September 23, at 3:30 P.M., the members and friends of St. Barnabas gathered once more to witness

the laying of the cornerstone by the Dean of the Convocation of Germantown, the Rev. John H. Chapman. This ceremony spurred our campaigners on to greater efforts, because seeing the building "going up" meant "going out" and "bringing in" more money, which we did.

But on Tuesday evening, February 26, 1924, at 8:30 o'clock, we rejoiced with exceeding great joy when we actually walked into and took possession of the new building. Twas a mighty fine crowd at the opening and everybody wore a smile. "Twas a time to smile, I tell you.

The exercises consisted of three distinct parts, speeches, music and supper. We opened the exercises by showing gratitude to God for His many blessings in connection with the building by everybody singing heartily the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," after which Bishop Demby, who honored us with his presence, offered prayer.

Addressess were made by the Rev. Thomas S. Cline, the recently elected Dean of Convocation of Germantown; the Rev. Gilbert Pember, a staunch friend of St. Barnabas; the Rt. Rev. E. Thomas Demby, Mr. Frank R. Watson, the architect, and Mrs. Elizabeth Moort, the "veteran missionary," who is on a year's leave of absence from her field in Liberia, Africa. These felicitous speeches were punctuated by music sung by the Yancy octette, and Miss Edith Dixon.

Supper was then served, which consisted of cold ham and potato salad, roll and coffee, ice cream and cake, during which the orchestra made itself not only heard, but felt, and it wasn't long before the chairs were being politely taken from the centre of the gymnasium to the sidelines, and you know what followed when such fascinating music filled the air.

Twas really a big night, and a very successful opening of the first floor of a much needed building. The

first floor, or gymnasium, cost \$22,500. The second floor, which is the more important of the two floors, will cost \$15,000, and it will consist of the main auditorium, stage, priest's study, ladies' rest room and gallery. After Easter we will start a campaign for the second floor so that this coming summer will find us busy as bees to put the capstone on the building and complete the undertaking.

We are profoundly grateful to our many friends who have helped us thus far, and we believe that their confidence in us and interest in our work will make it possible for the second floor to be erected in the very near future.

The Rev. Robert A. Jackson, of St. Augustine's Church, Camden, N.J., was among the honored guests on this occasion, and we were pleased with the fraternal spirit and interest which he evidenced in coming from across the river to Germantown to share the joys with a fellow-clergyman on such an outstanding event.

#### "Olivet to Calvary."

On Sunday evening, March 9, 1924, the combined choirs of St. John the Divine, West Philadelphia, and St. Barnabas, Germantown, rendered a Lenten cantata entitled "Olivet to Calvary," under the direction of Randolph Smith, Mus. Bac., organist and choirmaster at St. Barnabas, at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, Broad and South streets, Phila. so doing history was made to the extent we proved it is possible for two or more choirs of the colored parishes in the diocese to unite and render the heavy and more weighty sacred works, for "in unity there is strength."

These two groups of singers, numbering sixty voices, were motivated by a twofold thought to sing this oratorio (a) to honor Jesus Christ with song, and (b) to create and stir up fresh interest for the colored work in the diocese.

The Pro-Cathedral, because it is

centrally located, afforded an ideal place to render the cantata. It, however, proved not to be sufficiently large to accommodate the vast throng of people who sought admission. At 8 o'clock every seat was taken, with every available inch of standing room occupied. Twas impossible for many to enter the church and they turned away disappointed.

The procession was very dignified and imposing, consisting of two cross bearers, acolytes, choristers, two priests and Bishop Demby. After the procession had passed into the chancel and sanctuary, chairs were placed in the aisles to relieve the congestion at the door and in the rear of the church.

A spirit of devotion seemed to have permeated the singers, for they not only interpreted the work beautifully but sang with great feeling, which had a tremendous effect on the congregation.

At the close of the cantata an offering was asked for the building fund of St. John the Divine and St. Barnabas, Germantown; also for Bishop Demby's work. The people responded with \$112.19.

Bishop Demby then gave an address on the conditions and needs of his work in Arkansas and the Southwest, urging his hearers to remember him in their prayers, and to help him by their financial gifts to carry on the great work to which the church has assigned him.

The Bishop then dismissed the people with his blessing and as a recessional "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" was sung.

The cantata will be repeated by the same singers on Passion Sunday night, April 6, at 8 o'clock, in St. Luke's Church, Main and Coulter streets, Germantown, the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, rector. The offering will be equally divided between St. John the Divine and St. Barnabas for their building fund. Keep the date

in mind and be sure to come. Soloists: Gertrude E. Bruce, soprano; Ethelinde Dandridge, alto; Samuel Sedgwick, tenor; William J. Rider, baritone.

#### Contributors to the Minister's Salary in February.

The Misses Tama Reynolds, Annie Grasty, Marion Jackson, Mable Harrison, Lillian Faquet, M. Evelyn Jones, Dorothy Welles and Beulah McNeill.

Mesdames Alice D. Marshall, Mattie McCord, Emma Billups, Bathania Johnson, Maude Childs, Martha V. Jackson, Elizabeth Rumbles Johnson, Sadie Keen, Mary E. Brown, Ruth Brinkly Helen F. Williams, Ophelia Roane, E. Lillian Paxton, Mary M. Price, Carrie Fareira, Florence Smith, Bessie H. Dorsey, Anna B. Nichols, Lillian Ransom, Olive Marshall, Helen Ulett, Nettie B. Thomas, Ella May Johnson, Nannie Burgess, Letitia Pierce, Lavinia Gould, Senora Polk and Mrs. Wm. T. Coleman. Josephine Mitchell and Daisy Piercy.

Messrs. John G. Ulett, Clarence R. Whyte, Oscar Benedict, Joseph N. Lee, O. Clarence Hall, Samuel Sedgwick, John W. Green, George Saunders, J. W. Fletcher, Joseph Fareira, Sr.; Matthew Williams, Arthur C. Nichols, James Dorsey, Frank H. Burgess, S. Emanuel Johnson, Thos. Ulett, Charles Brown, J. Murray Marvin, Russell Ross, Leande iPerce, W. Jackson Brown, Julian Childs, Rowland Stalworth, William T. Coleman and Robert Ulett.

Note: There are certain names that never appear in this list month after month. These same people are members of the church, but do not support the priest-in-charge. They come to church when they feel like it and are perfectly satisfied to let others bear their share in paying the minister and maintaining the church. Surely there is nothing honorable in that.

**Notes.**

The linens for the altar and Holy Communion are made sweet and clean by Mrs. Ophelia Roane every month. She takes a delight in doing this work for God and her church.

To Mrs. Emma Billups the boys and men of the choir owe a vote of thanks for the "spick and span" cottas they put on the first Sunday in each month. It's a real joy for Mrs. Billups to render this service as her son, George, sings in the choir and serves at the altar.

Rumor has it that wedding bells will ring when the robins begin to sing. Can you guess into which young lady's ears the bells will sound the sweetest?

The Parish House has to be furnished and little by little we hope to equip it with the necessary things. The Woman's Auxiliary has agreed to put the kitchen in first-class condition. The women will need and ask for your help to do that work. Don't refuse any reasonable request.

Miss Mable Harrison has contributed four doormats for the parish building at a cost of \$2.60 apiece, and the following persons each gave an ash can for the boiler room: Mrs. Mattie McCord, Mrs. E. Lillian Paxton, Miss Evelyn Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Howard Payne and Mr. Julian Childs. To the above named persons we say thank you for your help and interest.

A group of girls gave a "Leap Year" party in the parish building on Monday evening, March 3, which proved to be a very successful affair from every point of view. Over one hundred young people came to the party and an astonishing feature of the evening was that the boys outnumbered the girls. However, everybody had a delightful time. Miss

Maud Hall, who has been laid up with an injured foot for several weeks, was brought to the party and seemed happy even though she was forced to sit on the sidelines. Mrs. Ruth Brinkly has volunteered to assist the girls in arranging for their socials. The "party" netted us \$26.

Mr. Alexander Holcomb departed this life Monday, March 3, after an illness which lasted nearly three years. Funeral services were held at his residence, 310 Mechanic street, Thursday, March 6, at 11 A. M. Mrs. Helen F. Williams was at the piano. Interment was made at Eden Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

On Sunday, March 23, at the 11 o'clock services, Mrs. Elizabeth Moort, who has labored twenty-seven years in Liberia, Africa, and has been rightly termed the "veteran missionary," will address the congregation on the work she is doing in that part of the world among girls. Mrs. Moort is now on a year's holiday, and is open for engagements to tell her story. Phone Victor 3895. Be sure to come and bring a friend to hear her.

Contributions for parish house in February: Mr. Stephen Burnett, \$5; Mrs. Anna Bailey Nichols, \$5.75. Mrs. Josephine Mitchell \$5.00. Have you given anything?

The annual bread and cake sale will be held Saturday, April 5. Get ready to do your part so as to insure success.

Each member is asked to give at least \$2 as his or her Easter offering.

The sick—At home: Mrs. Catharine Joell, Mrs. Lannie Holland, Miss Maid Harding. Mrs. Laura Coleman is in the Lankenau Hospital. Remember them in your prayers. Send them a postcard with a word of cheer, and better still, go and see them.

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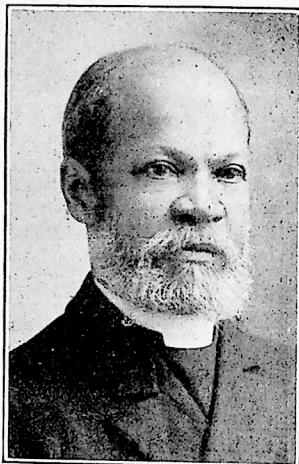
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### PRIEST'S COLUMN

My dear Parishioners:

There are two great periods of forty days in the Christian year which are of vital importance to church people. The first period is that well known penitential season which we call Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday and closing with Easter Day. During the first space of time the two greatest events in the life of Christ and on which His religion rests came to pass, viz: the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. But immediately after His Resurrection there began that second period of forty days, which meant ever so much to the disciples, and which came to a close on Ascension Day. This latter period is known as "The Great Forty Days," and the outstanding event in that space of time is the Ascension of our Lord.

The Church in America does not make much ado over the feast of the Ascension as is done in other parts of the world. Christmas and Easter are observed in no small way, while the Ascension is given only passing consideration.

Yet as a matter of fact the Ascension of our Saviour is one of the biggest events in His life; it is His Coronation Day, the day when heaven's gates flung open wide to admit the Conqueror of conquerors in His triumphal chariot, while angels chant the solemn lay:

"Lift up your heads, ye heavenly gates,

Ye everlasting doors, give way."

The Ascension marks Jesus' return to His Father in heaven who had sent Him into the world to perform a stupendous piece of work, viz: the reconciliation of man with God, the removal of the "teeth" from man's chief enemy—the devil. Jesus met the foe and vanquished him and

thereby brought salvation and redemption to the human family. That job having been accomplished the Son returns to the Father whence He came, to give an account of the work which was given Him to do.

Behold then the triumph of our Redeemer! He has done for us that which we could not do for ourselves. He has not only restored us to fellowship with God the Father, which we had lost through sin, but He entered into heaven itself, "to appear in the presence of God for us." He is our forerunner, on Him our hopes are centered. When He entered His glory He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers, and the gates He has left open, that you and I, and the rest of His disciples coming from the ends of the earth might enter in.

Had Jesus not ascended we would have been wholly attached to the earth. But His going up on high has caused our thoughts and our hearts to be lifted up. When a beloved friend goes away our thoughts follow him wherever he goes, so when a relative dies you place that sacred body in the ground, but because the ascended Saviour has prepared a place in heaven for all His children, your thoughts are heavenward, and you desire to follow after.

The Ascension of Christ should mean your ascension now, in things high and noble and lofty; and as we strive to reach the highest rung of in life's ladder we will be preparing ourselves to be with Christ who now sits on the right hand of His Father in heaven.

"Lift up your thoughts, lift up your songs,

And let Thy grace be given,  
That while we linger yet below,  
Our hearts may be in heaven."

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNR THOMAS.

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#### ARCHDEACON PHILLIPS' SEMI-CENTENNIAL

Sunday, June 7th, will mark the fiftieth anniversary of Archdeacon Phillips' ordination to the sacred ministry. That was not yesterday, and long before many who read this notice were born. Only one other clergyman in the diocese of Pennsylvania can boast a like number of years in the church's ministry, and that distinction falls to the Rev. Professor George C. Foley, D. D., of the Philadelphia Divinity School. However, there is another clergyman in this diocese who is the senior in point of ordination by three years of the Archdeacon and Professor Foley, and that distinguished veteran priest is the Rev. John Alexander Goodfellow, rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Kensington, Phila. Dr. Phillips is the ranking priest of the colored clergy in the whole American Church. His entire ministry of half a century has been spent right here in Philadelphia, and of him it cannot be said that he is a "rolling clerical stone" or a "butterfly minister."

At the Church of the Crucifixion, 8th and Bainbridge Streets, he labored for nearly forty years, and gave up that work at the call of Bishop Rhinelander to become the Archdeacon of the Colored work in the diocese.

It is in this church of his first love that the anniversary services will be held on Sunday, June 7th. He will be the celebrant at the 11 A. M. service of the Holy Communion. The present rector of the parish, the Rev. Robert H. Tabl, will preach the sermon. At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon a special service befitting the occasion will take place when all the colored clergy of the diocese and ministers of other denominations will be present. Bishop Garland will be the

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presiding officer; and the Rev. Everard W. Daniel, rector of St. Matthew's Church, Detroit, Michigan, will be the special preacher.

A social feature of the anniversary will be in the form of a banquet on Monday evening, June 8th, at New Pythian Hall, 19th Street below Pine. Cost per plate \$1.50. Tickets can be secured from any of the colored clergy and from Miss M. Evelyn Jones and Clarence E. Young, St. Barnabas' representatives on the committee of arrangements. The Reverends George F. Bragg, Jr., D. D., of Baltimore, and Hutchins C. Bishop, D. D., of New York, will be present on Monday night, also a host of other out-of-town guests.

Let St. Barnabas' folk help to make this anniversary of the Archdeacon one never to be forgotten by him. He is worthy of whatever sacrifice we make toward the success of this notable event. Fifty years in the ministry, and all spent in the same diocese is no small achievement. It has given to but few men to match such a record.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN OFFERING \$200.00

Twenty children of the Sunday School attended the annual presentation service of the Lenten Missionary Offering at Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, Sunday afternoon, May 10th, at 4 o'clock. One happy feature of the trip was that the teachers went along with the youngsters. 'Twas the largest attended service of its kind ever held, over 2000 children being present, and they sat everywhere, even up in the chancel with the Bishops and other clergy. The total offering was larger than last year's, amounting to over \$66,000 and the Bishop expects the final amount—when all the schools shall have reported—to reach \$70,000.

Our offering of \$200.00 was the result of real hard work, but there is a joy that accompanies every effort

that is put forth for the spread of the gospel. Little "Betty" Thomas is the winner of the pair of skates offered as a prize to the child bringing in the highest amount. Her "mite chest" contained \$4.34.

#### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN APRIL

50c. Miss Lillian Faucett, Mesdames Ruth Brinkly, Isabel Foote, Helen Ulett. Messrs. Archibald Childs and Joseph Fareira, Sr.

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\$2.00. The Misses Dorothy Welles, Tama Reynolds, M. Evelyn Jones. Mesdames Bessie Dorsey, Blanche Lyles.

2.50. Mrs. Letitia Pierce, Mr. Leander Pierce.

Note: Total for the support of the minister during the month of April, \$58.25. Think it over. Could you live on that?

#### NOTES

Master "Abby" Hopson, 14 years old, departed this life Thursday, May 7th. Funeral services were held at St. Monica's Church, 42nd and Woodland Avenue, the Rev. Richard Bright officiated. Rev. Thomas not being very well was unable to attend the services. Interment at Eden

Cemetery. May he rest in peace. His brother, Willie, died May 4th, 1923.

On Saturday, May 9th, Mrs. Lucy Hickman, of 2127 Fitzwater Street, a sister of the late Father Cartier, departed this life. Funeral services were held at her residence Tuesday, May 12, at 11 A. M. Rev. Thomas officiated, assisted by Father Garrett rector of St. Thomas' Church, Phila. Interment at Eden Cemetery. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

The Spring meeting of the Woman's United Thankoffering was held at Christ Church, Phila., Thursday, April 23rd. Mrs. Thomas, St. Barnabas' representative, was in attendance, and reported \$15.14 as a thank-offering from nineteen women of our parish.

The 18th Annual Picnic of St. Barnabas' Church and Sunday School will be held this year on Thursday, July 9th, at the New Maple Grove, situated four squares this side of the old picnic grounds. The same street cars will take you by the new grove. Bear the date in mind—July 9th, and get ready for a big outing. We want to clear \$500 this year from the picnic. We can do it if everybody will do his and her duty. Proceeds pay for Church and Parish house coal.

Our Parochial Committee now consists of men and women, and the following is the personnel of the same: The Misses Mabel Harrison and M. Evelyn Jones. Mesdames Nannie Burgess, Blanche Lyles, Florence Smith and Maud Childs. Messrs. Wm. Jackson Brown, Joseph U. Lee, Lafayette Gould, Sr., S. Emanuel Johnson, Clarence E. Young, Arthur C. Nichols, W. J. Fletcher, and Howard Payne. The resignation of Mr. H. B. Iszard who has served efficiently and well for a number of years on the committee,

was received and accepted with regret by the committee at its regular meeting in May.

Mr. Randolph Smith, organist and choirmaster, is arranging for a Song Service to be given in the Church Sunday afternoon, May 31st, at 4.30 o'clock. Keep the date in mind, tell your friends and so let us have a large attendance. An offering of at least 25 cents will be asked of each one present. Soloists, Miss Emma Titus, Soprano. Albert Berry, Cello.

The Corner Stone of the Chapel of the Ascension, 236 East Gay St., West Chester, Pa., will be laid on Sunday afternoon, May 24th, at 4 o'clock, D. L. S. The Rev. A. E. Henry is the minister-in-charge, and he extends a most cordial invitation to the people of St. Barnabas to come and take part in this red letter day event. Mr. Henry came from West Chester to Germantown the Sunday we laid the corner stone of our Parish house. Let those of you who have automobiles make ready for that trip, and perhaps you will take your minister along with you.

Mrs. Mattie McCard and a few of her friends are planning to give a "Decoration Party" in the Parish House Friday evening, May 29th. Admission (pay at door) 35c. Good music and refreshments. Proceeds for Church expenses. Don't miss it.

The Triennial session of the Conference of Church Workers among Colored People will meet in Savannah, Ga., at St. Augustine's Church, the latter part of September. The minister and at least one lay delegate should go from St. Barnabas. In addition to the train fares we have to raise at least \$50 as our quota toward the building of the Deaconess House for Colored Women to be located at St. Augustine School, Raleigh, N. C. The Conference has pledged \$5000 toward that building.

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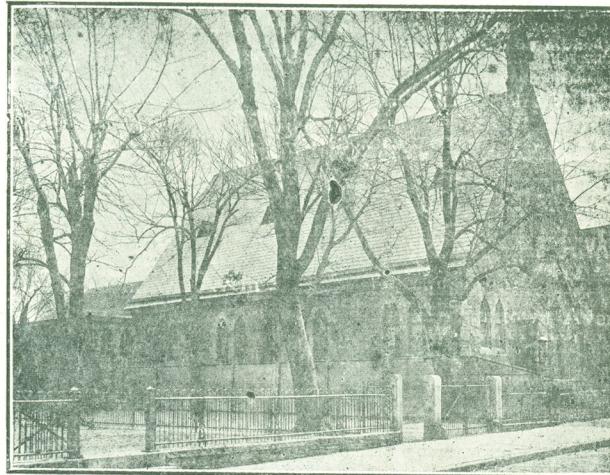
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## PRIEST'S COLUMN

My dear Parishioners:

Summer with its aggravating heat and its accompanying days of exervation has begun with a very high average, and no one lacked a warm welcome wherever he or she went during the first week in June.

At this time of the year we begin to turn over in our minds where and for how long a vacation we will afford ourselves. The cool spots and pleasant places are calling us away from the sweltering cities that our minds and bodies might have the necessary rest and be refreshed.

Where are you going this summer? Perhaps you have not as yet fully decided whether you will go to the mountains, seashore, or country; but wherever you go, let me remind you not to forget the Lord's Day. We know the temptations to absent oneself from Church while on vacation are many. There is the cool and pleasant porch where the gentle breezes fan and delight our warm bodies, then there is the "taking the dip" in the surf which exhilarates and refreshes, also the lovely stroll up the mountain trail that brings you to its summit where the beauty of nature and the surrounding country fairly thrills and inspires you. All these phases of recreation and others not mentioned are necessary for the full and complete enjoyment of one's vacation, no one would dare say a word against them, but, here is the question, why indulge in these pleasurable pastimes at the **very hour** you should be in Church worshipping God.

We are not asking you to be in Church all day long on Sunday while on vacation, but we do ask you not to allow a Sunday to go by without being present with the rest of the

faithful to at least one of the services in the House of the Lord.

Most of us are willing to and oftentimes do shut God out of our lives for one, two, three and sometimes four weeks while on vacation. We go everywhere else but to Church, we take in all that's to be seen, we spend our monies lavishly on things that give but momentary satisfaction, in short, we indulge the flesh, while the things of the spirit are forgotten and knowingly neglected.

Isn't it true that when we go away in the summer we take a **vacation from God**, we leave Him at home. Yet we need His divine protection and guidance, we need His ever watchful eye on us, and His mighty invisible arm around us to keep us in safety. Suppose God took a vacation from us, cease to exercise His loving care over us, cut us out of His fatherly consideration and most loving heart, as we cut Him out of our thoughts and lives and Sunday programs while on vacation, I say, suppose He did, wouldn't we be miserable creatures?

Man's soul is ever athirst for God, in summer as in winter, at home or abroad. It finds no rest and contentment only as it finds it in Him. Go on your vacation, enjoy it to the full, and return home refreshed and invigorated. Only let us not be without God, for then there could be no complete and well rounded enjoyment of it, for while the body may give every indication of having had a profitable holiday, the inner self, the essence of man, the soul, has suffered and is impoverished. With the foundation weak, the superstructure is in constant danger of utter collapse.

Vacations are very important in one's life, they call for a break and

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recess from business and daily occupation, but no one can afford to take an intermission from God, for "we need Him every hour."

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

## THE GARDEN PARTY

Words are inadequate to fully express our profound appreciation to the rector and members of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, and to the many friends outside that parish who assisted in one way or another in making the Garden Party and Supper on June 9th at the "Wyck" such a delightful and picturesque affair.

The natural setting and beautiful background of that lovely and historic estate of Mr. Caspar Wistar Haines at Germantown Avenue and Walnut Lane, was in itself worth the price of admission. But in addition to the beautiful garden in which the "party" was held, booths and tables that were exquisitely trimmed and decorated with a riot of color formed as it were a splendid frame in the centre of which as in a picture appeared colored and white children to render a program consisting of fairy songs and esthetic dancing. One of the Negro spirituals, "When I cross the river of Jordan," was sung by Miss Ida Potts. The accompaniment to all the numbers was with harp and 'cello played by the Misses Hubbard of 338 So. 15th Street, Phila.

Of course, any sort of an entertainment that is being given by or for St. Barnabas whether on the "inside" or "outside," especially the latter, is more or less accompanied by rain. Ten days prior to the party everything was "dry," and the sun seemed to have no heart for humanity. Ideal weather that was for garden parties, and we all had high hopes for success from every point of view. But June 9th dawned with overhanging and threatening clouds,

and at 6 P. M. in the midst of the party while supper was about to be served, it began to rain. It didn't rain very heavily, neither was the weather clear. It just rained enough to remind one that this is a St. Barnabas' affair, and to break up the party. However, Father Conkling and his parishioners are not despairing, the fund for the "second floor" of St. Barnabas' Parish House will be a little bigger and stronger in spite of the rain.

The Misses Brown and Mrs. Kent also Miss Upjohn of St. Luke's committee of workers are hoping for a splendid financial return.

Four of St. Barnabas' ladies served at the lemonade and soft drink tables. They are Mesdames Ruth Brinkley, Blanche Lyles, and the Misses Ethelinde Dandridge and M. Evelyn Jones. Miss Beulah McNeill directed the children in their singing. Seven of Sister Leila's girls of St. Mary's School did some of the dancing.

## THE ARCHDEACON'S ANNIVERSARY

The observance of the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Phillips' entrance into the ministry is now a matter of history. Sunday, June 7th was the day of the special service at the Church of the Crucifixion. To the Archdeacon it was a "red letter day" in his life, but to the visiting clergy and congregation it was a "red hot day." Some of us nearly melted in the Church. However, the services were most inspiring, and there were times when one forgot about the heat, only to be reminded of it by a little stream trickling down one's back.

The music under the able direction of William King, organist and choir-master was simply grand. Julian F. Adger, a former organist at the Crucifixion, assisted at the organ. The outstanding musical numbers were

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Coleridge Taylor's "Magnificat," and Handel's "The Heavens are Telling." These were rendered with telling effect by the choir.

The Rev. Mr. Daniel, of Detroit, Michigan, preached a splendid sermon. Felicitous addresses were made by a few.

Monday evening at New Pythians' Hall a banquet was tendered the Archdeacon at which over three hundred guests were present. The Rev. Dr. George F. Miller, rector of St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was the Master of Ceremonies. Speeches were made by the Reverends Dr. George F. Bragg, Jr., of Baltimore, Md.; Hutchins C. Bishop of New York; Percy R. Stockman, Carl F. Grammar, Edgar C. Young, George H. Toop and others from Philadelphia. Mr. Henry A. Dauls presented the Archdeacon on behalf of the committee a specially designed ring. Just before Dr. Phillips responded, your humble servant addressing the master of ceremonies suggested what seemed to him a very fitting and proper thing, viz: that we link the sacred memory of Mrs. Phillips, who is now in the Paradise of God, with the memorable event of the evening, by this representative group of men and women standing in solemn silence for ten seconds. That tribute to the wife and co-laborer of the Archdeacon's having been paid, Dr. Phillips made his response.

The menu consisted of

Grape Fruit

Hearts of Celery

One-Half Broiled Chicken

New White Potatoes Peas

Rolls and Butter

Hearts of Lettuce Russian Dressing

Ice Cream Fancy Cakes

Coffee

All had a delightful time and the Archdeacon was in his seventh heaven.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN MAY

25c—Miss Lillian Faucett.

50c—Mrs. Helen Ulett, Messrs Karl Foote, Joseph Fareira, Archie Childs.

75c—Mr. Thomas Ulett.

\$1.00—Miss Tama Reynolds, Mesdames Ruth Brinkley, Lillian Y. Paxon, Nannie Burgess, Emma Billups, Lavinia Gould, Nettie B. Thomas, Lucinda Webb, Sadie Keen, Lillian Ransom, Cora B. Hall, Jennie King, Marie A. Harvey, Nellie Washington, Maude Childs, Elizabeth R. Johnson, Anna B. Nichols, Katharine Thompson, Bathania Johnson, Olive Marshall, Carrie Fareira, Harringt Tokus, Mrs. W. T. Coleman, Messrs Edward Starkey, Wm. T. Coleman, O. C. Hall, Frank H. Burgess, Charles H. Brown, Robert Ulett, J. W. Fletcher, Wm. Jackson Brown, Otha Goldman, Henry B. Iszard, Julian Childs.

\$2.00—The Misses Dorothy Welles, M. Evelyn Jones, Mable Harrison, Mesdames Daisy Puryear, Bessie Brown, Ella May Johnson, Senora Polk, Blanche Lyles, Messrs Thomas Blackwell, Joseph U. Lee, Randolph Smith, S. Emanuel Johnson.

\$10.00—Mrs. Mattie McCard.

Total for May \$71; for April \$58.25.

### NOTES

On Trinity Sunday at the Church of the Saviour, 38th and Chestnut Streets, Bishop Garland ordained to the diaconate the Rev. Samuel H. White, recently graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York, while the Rev. Arthur C. Moore, deacon, was advanced to the priesthood. We offer most sincere and warm congratulations to these two young ministers. Both will work under Archdeacon Phillips.

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The Sacred Musicale given on Sunday, May 31, was fairly well attended. The St. Cecilia Trio sang admirably. Miss Emma Titus was in excellent voice and pleased her hearers. Miss Geraldine Watson has a very sweet voice, and with constant care and practice it will develop as the days come and go. Mr. Albert Berry played well as is his custom on the 'cello. Mr. Alfred Johnson's interpretation of "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" by Dett, was all that could be desired. He rendered it with a great depth of feeling. The offering amounted to \$20.00, and it cost \$10.50 to produce the musicale. The Church received the balance.

Two recent baptisms are Nelson Henry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Henry, of Baynton Street. Godparents are Dr. and Mrs. Forrest S. Marshall. Baby Henry was baptized Sunday, May 24, 11 A. M.

Sunday, June 7th at 11 A. M. the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris was baptized. Mary Josephine is her name, and her mother will be remembered as Beatrice Price. The Godparents are Emma Louise Harris and Mr. Percy Price.

The "Decoration Party" given by Mrs. Mattie McCard for the benefit of the Church netted \$16 clear. 'Twas a mighty fine effort made by Mrs. McCard singlehanded, and we are more than glad that she succeeded. Her son Earl played in the orchestra.

Don't forget! The 18th annual picnic of our Church goes to the New Maple Grove, Rising Sun Lane and Olney Avenue, Thursday, July 9th. Good music. Grove open all

day. Same cars to the Grove. No. 75 and change to No. 50.

Tickets 35c. To make the picnic a success, each member will be required to sell at least 5 tickets. The Parochial Committee will shortly be giving out the tickets. Remember, the proceeds will purchase the coal for both Church and Parish House.

Miss Beulah McNeill, the director of St. Barnabas' Dramatic Club is now busily engaged with the children as they will present a cantata entitled "A Dream of Fairly-Land," Friday evening, June 26th in the Parish House. Miss Mary Dawson, one of the Hill School teachers is doing the actual training of the youngsters twice a week. Tickets will only be 15 cents, and the proceeds are for the "second floor" of the Parish House.

Mrs. Blanche Lyles is putting forth two efforts this month for the benefit of the Church (1) a Stocking Party on Friday evening, June 12th, (2) A Strawberry Festival on Friday evening, June 19th. Come out.

Once there was a great drought in a certain part of the country, and man and beast and the vegetable world were suffering greatly from lack of water and the dryness of the soil. A preacher noted for his prayers beseeched God to uncork the bottle of heaven. His prayer was answered and it rained for four days without any let up. The same preacher addressing God again said: "Dear Lord, I prayed thee to uncork the bottle of heaven, but not to throw away the cork."

St. Barnabas' Social Club is arranging to give a Japanese Party on Tuesday evening, June 30th. Watch out for further announcements.

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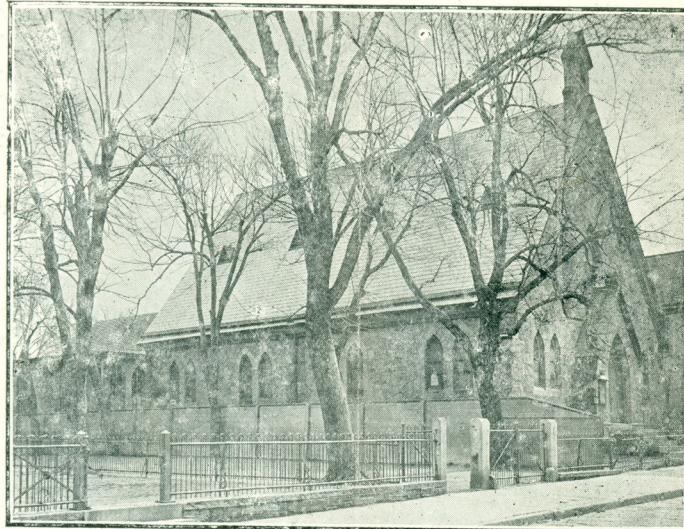
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# The Messenger.

## THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

The fifth annual Conference of Chulen Workers, among our group, in the Province of Washington was held in St. James' Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., D. D. rector, October 4th to 6th inclusive.

The opening session was held at the Cathedral, and a more inspiring and helpful service could not have been desired.

The procession consisting of two cross bearers, a choir of forty voices, visiting clergy to the number of thirty, Canon Arrowsmith of the Cathedral and the Bishop Coadjutor of Maryland, Dr. Helfenstein, made a very impressive spectacle as it moved in solemn and majestic mien down the side aisle, across the nave and up the center aisle to the chancel and sanctuary. Gloriously sung was the processional by choir and all the people so that the walls echoed and re-echoed with the strain of Cutler's soul stirring hymn

"The Son of God goes forth to War,

A Kingly Crown to gain:  
His blood-red banner streams afar:  
Who follows in His train?"

Following evening prayer, Dr. Bragg introduced Canon Arrowsmith who made a brief but gracious address of welcome. The Bishop-Coadjutor after being introduced made a profound impression on his hearers, by the warmth and earnestness of his address as he welcomed us to the Cathedral and the Diocese. The President of the Conference, the Rev. Edgar C. Young, D. D. made a fitting reply.

A strong, forceful and well thought out sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert N. Brown, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa. Text: "Ye are

the Salt of the Earth." The speaker pointed out that as salt is used to season and preserve meats, so the Christian is to season and preserve society.

The Necrologist, who happens to be the editor of "The Messenger," made his report. The Conference was signally blessed during the past year, in that God did not remove by death any of His workmen. The opportunity to pay tribute to the life and character of one of the Church's outstanding Bishops, the late Dr. William Cabell Brown, Bishop of Virginia, was made use of by the Necrologist. Bishop Brown died in London last summer. He was much beloved by all the people of his Diocese because of his broad sympathies. His life is said to have been a benediction to his flock and he was looked upon as a real "Father in God" to his black spiritual children as well as to the white of his diocese. Under his administration the Colored work grew and he was deeply interested in St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va. At his funeral services the music was rendered by the colored choir of St. Philip's Church, Richmond, Va. Rev. Junius L. Taylor D. D., rector. To this warm hearted and whole souled friend of our group may God grant abundant rest.

The music at the opening service was of a very high order. The choir of St. James' reflected great care and painstaking efforts on the part of its director. The anthem "Unfold Ye Portals" was splendidly rendered.

On Wednesday morning at the Holy Communion the President of the Conference was the celebrant. Breakfast followed. At the business session the same officers were re-elected: President, the Rev. Edgar C. Young, Phila.; Vice-Pres-

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ident, the Rev. Junius L. Taylor, Richmond, Va.; Secretary, the Rev. Edmund B. Trotman, Cumberland, Md.; Treasurer, Mr. Theodore Richardson, Phila.; Necrologist, the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, Germantown, Phila.

The President's address was a graphic word picture of our work on the whole in the Province. He told us there were 83 stations, 58 clergymen and an increase in membership of close on to 500 souls during the past year. He bemoaned the fact that there are too few men of our group in the Theological Seminaries and urged us to make strenuous efforts to interest young men to enter the Sacred Ministry.

Several papers of vital importance were read and discussed during the sessions. Such topics as "The Church and Her Present Day Task," "What is Most Needed to Build Up the Church?" "Spiritual Healing," "The Modern Church Program of Religious Education," "Our Divinity School, Its Past, Present and Future," "Science and Religion," "The Brotherhood of Man" and "The Value of Mysticism." The papers were splendidly written and presented and evoked a great deal of lively and helpful discussion.

A very interesting feature of the Conference program was a visit by the delegates to "The Maryland Home for Friendless Colored Children" in Baltimore County, Md. The trip was made in automobiles and a large bus. This institution was founded twenty-eight years ago and is beautifully situated on a hill and has a plot of 32 acres, and about seventy-five boys can be accommodated at the Home.

We held one session in the quaint little chapel which sits in the midst of an apple orchard. At the time of our visit the trees around the chapel were laden with luscious looking red apples. On the walls of the chapel we saw pic-

tures of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Frederick Douglass, Coleridge Taylor and the world's renowned tenor, Roland Hayes.

Very helpful addresses were made by Dr. Scott Wood, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Rev. A. E. Henry, of Wilmington, Del. Towards the close of the session Dr. Bragg introduced two men, members of the Board of Managers (white) who related the struggles of the institution to gain a foothold and finally to be established. Among the officials are the Presiding Bishop of the Church and Bishop of Maryland, Dr. Murray, who is President, ex officio. Dr. Bragg is Vice Chairman and Chaplain. A fine luncheon was served by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Home and the seventy odd delegates did justice to it, after which a tour of inspection was made of the buildings and the return trip started shortly thereafter.

The Woman's Auxiliary then convened in St. James' Church with Dr. Bragg conducting meditations and making a brief address. On motion, duly seconded, the present officers were retained in office for another year: President, Mrs. Sidonia Anderson, Baltimore, Md.; Vice President, Mrs. E. Sydnor Thomas, Germantown, Phila.; Secretary, Mrs. Joseph A. Franklin, Charleston, W. Va.; Treasurer, Mrs. Martha Peck, Phila. A paper was read by Mrs. L. L. Stanard, of Richmond, Va., on "The Relationship of the Woman's Auxiliary to the General Church, the Parish and the Community."

At the closing session a capacity congregation listened with tremendous interest to a paper on the "Value of Mysticism," by the Rev. E. H. Hamilton, of Hampton, Va., and three Missionary Addresses by the Rev. Mr. Posey, Suffolk, Va., the Rev. Mr. Thomas, Germantown, Phila., and the Rev. Mr. Henry, Wilmington, Del.

Then a "surprise" took place when the Rev. Mr. Thomas, acting for the Conference, addressed the congregation on the beauty and sanctity of the marriage life, noting the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Bragg had just completed forty (40) years in holy wedlock, and presented to them a purse of \$40 with the love and affection of the clergy and lay delegates. Dr. Bragg, the "talking parson," was speechless from astonishment, and when he became vocal the tears ran down his cheeks because he had been deeply touched by the unexpected tribute.

His Honor the Mayor of Baltimore, Wm. F. Broening, then practically closed the Conference with a ringing speech on the "Value of the Church to the Community." In the course of his address he paid high tribute to Dr. Bragg for the "telling work" he has done and is still doing not only for the good of the "Monumental City, but for the Church at large and the Nation.

After Solemn Procession with the clergy banked in the Sanctuary, President Young delivered his farewell message to the delegates. Gounod's "Gloria" was sung as an offertory and at the Presentation of the Alms Dudley Buck's Festival Te Deum, "We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord," was magnificently rendered. Dr. Young then gave us his blessing and the Conference adjourned to meet in St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1928.

The hospitality of the people of Baltimore lived up to tradition. They were kind and gracious and ever mindful of their guests, for which we are profoundly grateful. May God bless them, their homes and their Church.

#### **EXTRA! RALLY DAY!**

Sunday, October 23rd, is our Parish House Rally Day. We are going to do a fine piece of work on that day as we have done—by God's

grace—in the past. We need \$2000 as the last payment on the parish house that is rapidly nearing completion. That is our big job right now! But we can do it and we will do it. Don't think about the \$2000, just concentrate and do everything possible to raise your \$10.

Remember, you are not wasting or throwing away this sum of money, you are investing it in a building that you will enjoy and be proud of, that your children will delight in and make use of and your children's children will rise up and call you blessed. In other words, you are laying foundations for your own good and the good of others, as our forefathers did in their day and time. That's the way of life, it has ever been so and ever will be. Every member and every worshipper at St. Barnabas' should make good use of this opportunity and be glad to take a part and share in this final sacrifice.

Services on the Rally Day will be as follows: The Holy Communion at 7:00 A. M., to which I urge you to come. 11 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. 4:00 P. M.—Special Service. Preacher, the Rev. Edgar C. Young, D. D., Vicar, Phillip Brooks Memorial Chapel, Phila. The children of the Sunday School will meet in the Parish House at 3:30 P. M. promptly and take part in the procession. Your \$10 offering will be received at the 4 o'clock services. Come and bring a friend or two with you and let us have One Big Rally Service.

#### **CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN SEPTEMBER**

50c—Mesdames Martha Jackson and Helen Ulett. Mr. H. L. Cain. \$1.00—Miss Ethelinde Dandridge. Mesdames Daisy Watford, Nettie B. Thomas, Senora Polk, Ella May Johnson, Harriet Tokus, Anita Moore, Olive Marshall, Anna B. Nichols,

Dorothy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Iszard, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mills, Messrs. Austain Polk, O. C. Hall, Wm. Jackson Brown, Randolph Smith, George Saunders, John H. Lee, Robert Ulett, Junius E. Johns, Arthur C. Nichols, James E. Dorsey, S. Emanuel Johnson, Clarence E. Young.

\$1.25—Miss M. Evelyn Jones.

\$1.75—Mrs. Ruth Brinkly.

\$2.00—Miss Tama Reynolds, Mesdames Lavinia Gould, Daisy Watford, Carrie Fareira, Cora B. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Westcar Bourne, Messrs. Charles H. Brown, Alfred H. Johnson, Russell V. Ross, Thomas Blackwell, Joseph Fareira, Sr., Murray Marvin, "A Friend."

\$3.00—Miss Caroline Gibbs, Mrs. Mary E. Brown.

\$3.50—Mrs. Mae J. Lee.

\$3.75—Mrs. Lillian Y. Paxon.

\$4.00—Mrs. Bessie H. Dorsey.

\$5.00—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Coleman.

\$6.00—Mrs. Bessie Swift.

\$7.00—Mrs. Eleanor Carter.

\$10.00—Mr. Joseph U. Lee.

Note: Total for July and August, \$64.50 For month of September, \$99.75. The monthly salary is \$125.00.

#### **NOTES**

The two-night Carnival given by our members who live on Duval Street proved a very profitable affair. We were mighty fortunate to have had two clear nights and balmy weather. The Committee worked admirably as the appended report shows, and we are thankful for the rich harvest from their efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Young, \$10.29. Mr. and Mrs. L. Pierce, \$12.40. Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Brown, \$15.00. Mrs. Polk and Mrs. Thomas, \$15.40. Mrs. Hall and Daughter, \$16.50. Messrs. Cook, Young and Morris, \$16.50. Mrs. Mary Johnson, \$19.70. Mrs. Ella Mae Johnson and Mrs. Baugh, \$30.30.

Total Receipts, \$136.09. Expenses for printing, \$3.75. Balance for Church, \$132.34.

The official delegates to the Baltimore Conference were Rev. Thomas, Miss M. Evelyn Jones and Mrs. Helen F. Williams. Two other ladies from St. Barnabas' attended the Conference in an unofficial capacity, viz.: Mrs. Carrie Fareira and Mrs. Sadie Keen.

A "Five Hundred Party" was given by Mrs. Bessie H. Dorsey and Mrs. Verona E. Beckett on Saturday, October 15th, 3 to 6 P. M. at Mrs. Beckett's residence, 216 W. Coulter St., Germantown, for the benefit of our Parish House Building Fund.

Beautiful prizes were given away. Thanks, ladies, for your help in this direction. It is not too late for some other ladies to give a "house social" or party. **Act quickly.**

Miss Mable Harrison who underwent an operation in the Hahnemann Hospital quite recently, is reported to be improving. We are very thankful for the successful operation and wish for Miss Harrison a speedy recovery and a return to normal health.

Wedding bells rang once more for Mrs. Anita Marshall Moore. She is now Mrs. William E. Davis. The ceremony took place at St. Barnabas', Saturday, October 8, at 8 P. M., in the presence of close friends and members of the immediate families.

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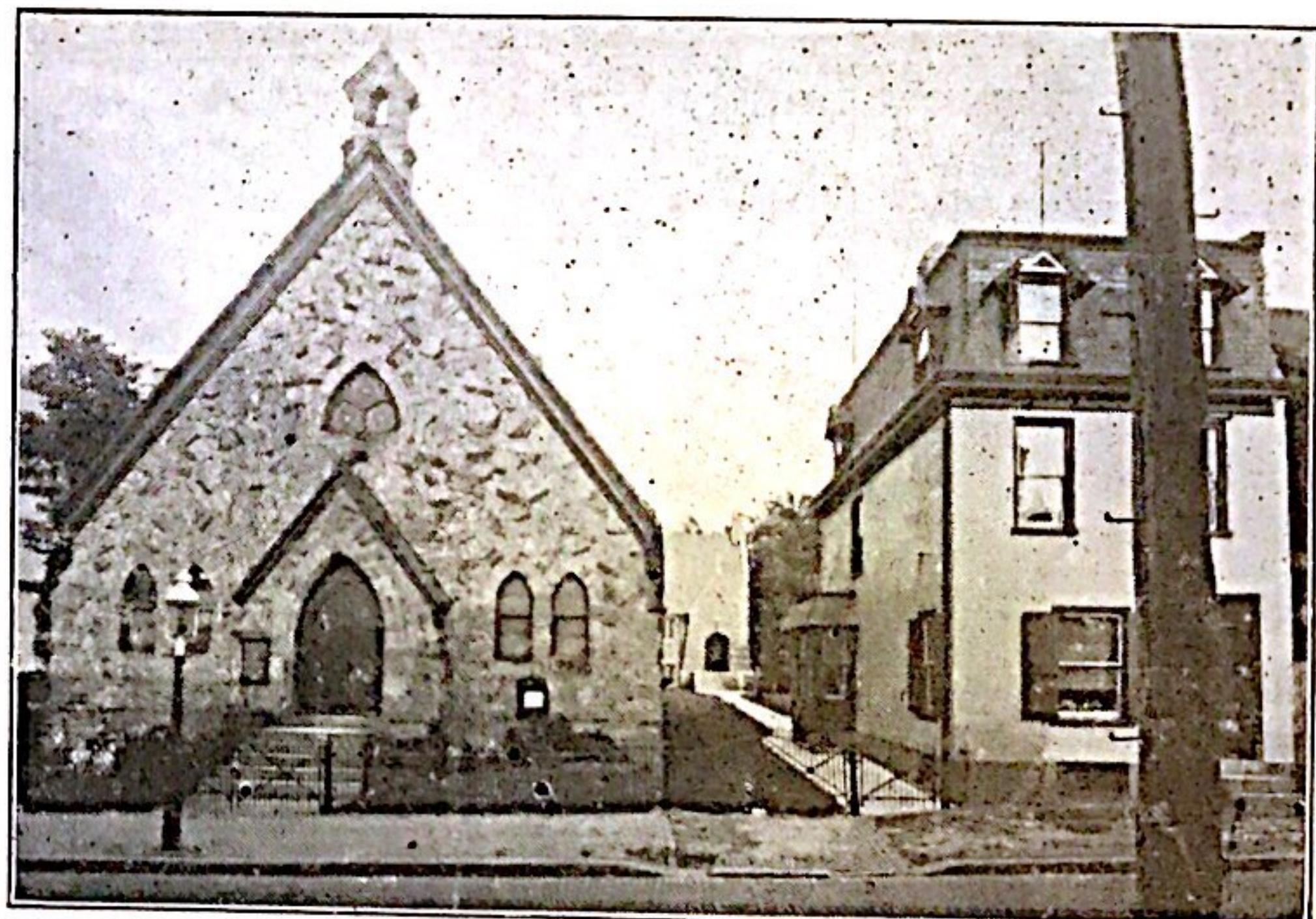
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A Happy New Year to you, and may 1929 be full of joy, happiness and prosperity is my earnest and sincere wish.

It is impossible to enter upon a new year without our minds reverting to the year just closed. We go back in thought, if for no other reason than to give God thanks for His many mercies vouchsafed to us.

As we review 1928 we note that many have been cut off, some have been our close and intimate friends, souls whom we dearly loved, they are gone; while we have been carried through another year in safety. God might have taken you and me as He took our loved ones, but He has *spared* us, and here we are among the living to praise Him and to bless His holy name. His mercies are being showered upon us each day, they are *new* every morning, and if we are honest we will admit that of the *least* of all these we have been unworthy. Our heavenly Father does not deal with us according to our desert; if He did, we would be most miserable creatures. Say, then, with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

During 1928 you have had your trials and disappointments, but they have been blessings in disguise. They have been *few* compared with your joys and comforts. They have been *light*, compared with the sufferings of others. They have cleared the way so that today you are closer to God. You think more about Him, you pray more frequently and far more earnestly to Him, and you have resolved to *re-dedicate* yourself to His service and walk before Him in newness of life. Yes,

my dear friends, you have said again and again, "It is a good thing for me that I have been afflicted." It meant spiritual growth.

With gratitude to God for all His blessings during 1928 we begin 1929 with fresh courage and a larger faith. We know not what a day may bring forth, but trusting in Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we go forward. Duties will arise; and we must meet their claims. Afflictions may come—indeed they are almost unavoidable—but when they come, cast all your care on Him who careth for you. The year 1929 will be one of opportunity for you, an opportunity to do each day's work and to do it well, an opportunity to *advance* along every good line and so build more securely for the future. Make good use of this year, profit from the experiences of 1928 and let your watchword be "Forward."

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNOR THOMAS.

## TWELVE CONFIRMED

On Thursday evening, December 13th, at 8 o'clock, Bishop Gland visited St. Barnabas and gave Confirmation to a class of twelve persons. 'Twas indeed a very beautiful and impressive service in which a goodly number of our members and not a few friends of the candidates participated.

Those who received the "Laying on of hands" were: Emma Louise Coleman, Lillian Alma Gregor, Isabel Tanner, Woodson Calloway, Isaline Melitta Bourne, Andrew Woodrow Harvey, Clarence Hall Harvey, Oliver Harvey, Paul Williams, Elmer Roane, Wendell Johnson, James Miller and James Harry Welch.

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25c—Mrs. O. Y. Taylor, Florence Jordan, Karl Foote, Jr.

50c—Mr. Llewellyn Jackson, No Name.

\$1.00—The Misses Rosalie Webb, Katharine Hall, George Faust, Christiana Dickson, Edith Laws, Beulah G. McNeil. Mesdames Iona G. Marvin, Helen Ulett, S. M. Carter, Senora Polk, Katharine Thompson, Anita M. Davis, Lucinda Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Walton. Messrs. R. M. Jackson, J. Murry Marvin, Matthew Williams, J. Henry Sellars, Robert Ulett, Austin Polk, George Saunders, No Name.

\$2.00—The Misses Frances Robinson, Flora Alexander, Lillian Faust, Marguerite Young, Lucy J. Vaughn. Mesdames Ella May Johnson, Lillian Ransom, Ruth A. Brinkley, Isabel Foote, Jennie B. King, Frances Gibbs Moore, Isabel W. Calloway, Flora Stokes, Elnora Payne, Olive Marshall. Messrs. Harvey L. Cain, Karl Foote, Sr., Howard Payne.

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\$2.50—Miss Marion O. Jackson. Mesdames Katie Lee and Bessie C. Johnson. Messrs. S. Emanuel Johnson and John H. Lee.

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**GAVE PLEASURE TO OTHERS**

On the fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23, the children of our Church School assembled at 2 P. M. and marched into the church where, after brief devotions they laid their gifts at the manger with the hope of making some other children happy at Christmas. We had decided that the "House of the Holy Child," an institution for colored girls, should receive the gifts. The following note speaks for itself.

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Dec. 29, 1928.

My dear Mr. Thomas:

Please accept our thanks for the candy and toys sent, from St. Barnabas Church, and greatly appreciated by us all. They added much to the Christmas pleasure.

Yours sincerely,  
EDITH W. DALLAS  
per M. S. S.

**"SILHOUETTES OF A CENTURY"**

Some one has said that the "C" in the title of the Y. W. C. A. stands for candles (meaning ceremonials) and Conferences as well as Christian. If said in a spirit of jest, it is not altogether wrong; for all three "Cs" are closely united when rightly interpreted.

It is the aim of the Colored Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, 6128 Germantown Ave., to send more and more young girls, older girls, young women and older women to Girl Reserve Conferences, and to Community Conferences, (where a cross section of the whole Association world is represented) that their lives may be made richer, fuller and bigger by this contact. Not only their lives, but that every club member, committee

member and person in the Y. W. C. A. will gain through these conference experiences.

This aim necessitates the raising of money—a large sum of money. For this purpose the "Konference Klub" (made up of people who have had the privilege of going to Conference) is sponsoring "The Silhouettes of a Century," featuring the "Past, Present and Future," on Thursday and Friday nights, January 31st and February 1st. Admission is within the reach of all. 25 cents each night. There will be music and refreshments. Your patronage is most earnestly solicited.

**CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MINISTER'S SALARY IN DECEMBER**

50c—Mesdames Helen Ulett and Emma Jackson.

\$1.00—The Misses L. Gertrude Jones, Flora Alexander, Lucy J. Vaughn, Marion O. Jackson, C. Gertrude Gibbs. Mesdames Norma H. Hannon, Emma Billups, Ruth A. Brinkley, Helen F. Williams, Laura P. Harris, Mary M. Price, Nettie B. Thomas, Mary E. Brown, Laura V. Hendricks, Elnora Payne, Carrie Farera, Lillian Ransom. Messrs. Harvey L. Cain, John H. Lee, George Saunders, Karl Foote, Archie Childs, Clarence E. Young, Matthew Williams, Joseph Farera, Sr., Wm. Jackson Brown, O. Clarence Hall, Murray J. Marvin, S. Emanuel Johnson, Robert Ulett, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Coleman.

\$1.25—Miss M. Evelyn Jones. Mesdames Flora G. Stokes, Lillian Y. Paxton.

\$2.00—The Misses Cora Williams, Tama Reynolds, Mesdames Elizabeth R. Johnson, Nannie Burgess, Cora B. Hall, Louvinia Gould. Messrs. Thomas Blackwell, Charles H. Brown, Randolph Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bullock.

\$3.00—Mr. and Mrs. Westcar Bourne.

\$4.00—Miss Beulah G. McNeill.

\$5.00—Miss Edith Laws, Mrs. Bessie Brown.

Note: Total for December, \$72.75. For the month of November, \$94.50. The monthly salary is \$125.00 We ask each member and worshipper to give at least \$1.00 per month. Those who can give more please do so.

**BISHOP GARDINER RETURNS TO LIBERIA**

New York — The Rt. Rev. Theophilus Tomolu Gardiner, D. D., Suffragan Bishop of Liberia, made a brief farewell address in the chapel of the Church Missions House on December 20th, in which he thanked the church people in this country for their help and interest in Liberia.

"My visit here the second time has been of much interest to myself and to others among whom I have been sent in the Southern States. The people have been awakened to a sense of responsibility for Liberia. They were interested before, but an ocular demonstration, seeing me myself, hearing the story of my conversion, awakens them to what is being done in Liberia.

"The Church will be glad to know that we are on the line of taking care of ourselves. We cannot come out at once and do everything, but as far as I go into the interior I tell the people to look forward to the day when they shall take over the work.

"I am myself taking care of fifteen children besides my own family, children who have been sent to me for evangelizing and teaching. Every clergyman in Liberia is doing the same thing, adding more to his own family, because they cannot otherwise take care of nearly all the children who want to come to the schools. All the clergymen I have seen in this country have expressed their desire to do better in their work for Liberia and to give more."

The Bishop sailed for New York on December 22nd, returning to Liberia.

**NOTES**

The Christmas Eve services were well attended and the music was excellent. The church wore her customary Christmas dress with the manger enhancing the beauty of the entire scenery.

The "grippe" epidemic laid low the Priest-in-charge and Mrs. Thomas at the same time. Both spent their Christmas and New Year holidays in bed under the care of a physician. We desire to take this opportunity of expressing our deep appreciation and thanks to those members of the parish who rendered assistance and help, and showed in one way or another their sympathy and interest during our illness.

Many of our members have not yet made their Christmas offering. It's not too late, your Church *needs* it, and you should give something toward the *coal bill* and *arrears in the Minister's salary*.

A "Retreat" for the clergy was held at St. Luke's Church, Germantown, the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, Rector, on Wednesday, January 9th, 1929.

The conductor was the Rev. James Huntington, Superior O. H. C., his subject being "The Incarnate Word, the Source and Pattern of All Priesthood." The schedule for the day was:

Holy Communion	8
Breakfast	9
Matins	9.30
1st Address	10
Intercessions	11.30
2nd Address	12.15
Luncheon	1.30
3rd Address	2.30
4th Address	4
Evening Prayer	5

Silence was observed throughout the day.

The Lenten season starts earlier this year than last. February 13th will be

Ash Wednesday and Easter Day will fall on March 31st.

The following persons contributed to the refurbishing of the brass on the altar:

\$1.00—Miss Edith Laws, Miss Lillian Faucett, Mesdames S. Emanuel Johnson, J. A. Franklin, Mary E. Brown, Nettie B. Thomas, Messrs. S. Emanuel Johnson, Thomas M. Blackwell, Leander Pierce, Otha Goldman, James Dorsey, Randolph Smith, Norris Evans.

75c—Mr. Joseph Fareira, Jr.

50c—Miss Marion O. Jackson, Miss Lucy Vaughn, Miss Gertrude Jones, Mesdames Lavinia Gould, Laura V. Hendricks, Beatrice Price Harris, Lillian Y. Paxton, Carrie Fareira, Messrs. Jackson Brown, Matthew Williams, Clarence Young, Arthur C. Nichols, Howard Payne, Joseph U. Lee, Charles H. Brown, George Wilson.

35c—Mrs. Ruth Brinkly.

30c—Miss Linda Davis.

25c—Mrs. Lillian Ransom, Mrs. Lucinda Webb, Mrs. Emma Billups, Miss Rosalia Webb, "A Friend."

20c—Mr. James H. Welch.

15c—"A Friend."

Note:—We desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. S. Emanuel Johnson, who had charge of this piece of work and all those who contributed. The amount raised was \$25.50. The cost was \$48.00.

The Woman's Auxiliary is arranging to give a Euchre Party in the Parish House on Friday evening, January 25th. Tickets will be 50 cents. Be sure to come.

Read carefully the "ads" in The Messenger and patronize those places of business.

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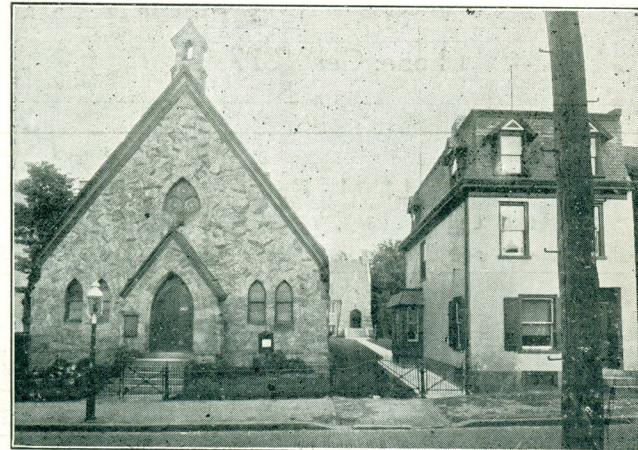
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**St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church**

West Rittenhouse Street, Germantown, Pa.

# The Messenger.

Germantown, Pa., February, 1929

## PRIEST'S COLUMN

My dear Parishioners:

The Lenten season with its God-given opportunities for the enrichment of Christian character, and the increase of spiritual power is with us again. It is to our gain and profit that we hearken to the kind and gracious invitation of our Blessed Lord to "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile." On Ash Wednesday the opening day of Lent the church will "Blow the trumpet in Zion. She will sanctify a fast, she will call a solemn assembly, she will gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders and gather the children" to the annual retreat, when in quiet thought and thorough self-examination the soul's real condition is revealed and we can immediately set ourselves to the task of putting our spiritual house in order.

We should all put a high standard of value on the period of forty days. We should all be thankful to the church for having set apart a season of the year for *self-study*. For who among us is perfectly satisfied with his spiritual condition? Who can say, I have reached the highest point of spiritual growth and Christian living? Rather every one who examines himself honestly and sincerely, and who turns the searchlight on his own soul and looks squarely at the situation will be forced to confess that they are away from their religious moorings, that they have lost ground which can only be regained by taking full advantage of those means of grace which God affords us and the Church administers and thereby be brought into closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

If indeed the Lenten season is to profit us, we should begin and continue throughout the season with a definite program, and carry it out. For instance we can determine to get closer to Christ through (a) Prayer, intense and earnest prayer, both public and private, for ourselves and for others, (b) through Mediation, both in our homes and in the House of God, when we think of our life and its duties, (c) through Self-examination, each looking squarely into his own life, observing and getting rid of the "beam" that is in thine own eye, and not being unduly concerned with the "mote" that is in thy brother's eye, (d) through Repentance, after discovering our sins, to *forsake* them, to part company with them, to be sorry for the awful scars they left on our bodies and our souls, (e) through Church Attendance, "*not forsaking* the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but making every possible effort of going to church whenever the opportunity presents itself, being *punctual* and regular at the services, especially the Holy Communion, (f) through Good Works, seeking out the sick, the afflicted and those who need our help and assistance, and serve them for the Master's sake. Like St. Andrew of old, bring your brother or sister, bring somebody to Jesus and His Church, that they may "taste and see that the Lord is good." (g) through Almsgiving, if the Lord has given you much, give proportionately; if little, give of that little to relieve distress and so show compassion to the unfortunate. To maintain and advance the interests of your church should be one of your chief concerns. "Will a man rob God?" Many of you rob Him of *time* when

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you stay away from the services, and of *offerings* when you withhold your gifts.

Let us make a courageous start on this Lenten program. Ask Christ to help you accomplish it. If you give Him a chance to work with you the results will be marvelous. Let us all be in church Ash Wednesday morning at 6:30 o'clock, and begin the Holy Season at the Altar of God.

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNER THOMAS.

## LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday: 6:30 A. M. The Holy Communion. 8 P. M. Penitential Office and address.

Special Lenten Preachers every Friday evening at 8 o'clock and Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock, with the exception of Sunday evening, March 17th, when the choir will sing "The Seven Last Words" by Dubois at St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Children's Service every Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The regular 7 A. M. celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday, to which service the members are asked to give special attention.

## SPECIAL LENTEN PREACHERS

*Friday Evenings, 8 o'clock*

February 15—The Rev. Norman V. P. Levis, D. D.

February 22—The Rev. William Fred Allen.

March 1—The Rev. Henry B. Gorgas.

March 8—The Rev. Gilbert E. Pember.

March 15—The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves.

March 22—The Rev. Charles J. Harriman.

*Sunday Evenings, 8 o'clock*

The Priest-in-charge will exchange pulpits with some of his brethren in the city and points adjacent.

February 17—The Rev. Joseph H. Hudson.

February 24—The Rev. John R. Logan, D. D.

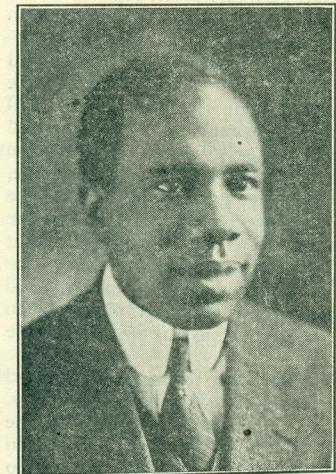
March 3—The Rev. Arthur C. Moore

March 10—To be announced later.

March 17—Cantata, "The Seven Last Words," at St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Palm Sunday—The Rev. W. S. McKay, Camden, N. J.

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## A LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, who hateth nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## MISS LUCY VAUGHN

If there is one girl whom we admire over and above any of the fine group of girls at St. Barnabas' it is Lucy Vaughn. Our admiration is for her pluck and grit and determination to succeed in life despite adverse circumstances.

Coming to Germantown several years ago from Virginia with but a scant and very meagre educational foundation for her age, she at once placed herself in the Joseph E. Hill School, having resolved to buy up every opportunity to improve her mind and thus prepare herself for the High School with its larger opportunities for training.

Being an orphan she has had her "ups" and "downs" in her quest for knowledge. But being endowed with an indomitable spirit, she utilized every "set back" as a stone on which to climb to higher heights. *More power to Lucy!*

Having practically completed her High School course, Miss Vaughn has entered the Cheyney Training School for Teachers at Cheyney, Pa. But before leaving the High School an unusually fine thing took place when the members of her class and a group of teachers tendered Lucy a "surprise party" on January 16th, in one of the class rooms. After refreshments were served, a number of gifts were presented to her, such as blankets, uni-

forms, sewing outfits, towels and a five dollar gold piece. The head of the girls' department, Miss Holmes, gave the gold piece with these words, "To our Lucy, true as blue and good as gold." From her friend, 'M. S. H.'

The teacher who gave the blankets said:

"Sleep sweet  
Beneath these blankets brown!  
Just pull the night-shade down  
Across the work-day's windows.  
Shut all alarms outside,  
And do not let  
Tomorrow's duties fret thy soul!  
  
Relax!  
Breathe deep!  
You'll soon be fast asleep.  
Just snuggle down  
Beneath these blankets brown.  
Good night!  
Sleep tight  
And dream of Germantown!"

With love and very best wishes for success. "Mary Pennycocks."

Miss Vaughn is a lovable young lady. She conducts herself admirably. She makes friends wherever she goes, And we wish for her a continuance of that charming disposition which will mean an ever increasing circle of friends and a further development of that determined spirit to accomplish which will ultimately bring the desired goal—a life of real service to others.

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\$5.00—Mr. Joseph U. Lee.

\$10.00—Mrs. Josephine Mitchell.

Note: Total for January, \$77.00. For the month of December, \$72.75. The monthly salary for this year is \$133.33, which is an increase of \$8.33 per month over last year. The reason for this is that the Diocese insists that all Missions increase their giving towards self-support, and so receive less from the Missionary Funds of the Diocese. Does this mean anything to those who do not contribute? It ought to.

## NOTES

We are looking forward to hearing an address on "Peace" by a Jewish Rabbi on Sunday morning, February 24th, at the 11 o'clock service. Be sure to come and bring a friend.

Additional Christmas offerings—Mrs. Laura P. Harris, \$1.00; "A Bridgeton, N. J., Friend, \$2.50; Mrs. Nannie Burgess, \$3.00; Mrs. Bessie M. Swift, \$3.00, Mr. H. B. Iszard, \$2.00 for Coal.

Master Henry Wedlock has gone to school in Washington, D. C.

Henry was a member of the Sunday School orchestra and an acolyte. We will miss him.

A Chicken and Waffle Supper will be given by the Parochial Committee on Thursday, February 28th, from 6 to 9 P. M. Ticket, 50 cents. Will you come and take supper with us?

Mr. James H. Welch, of the recent confirmation class is now a member of the Parochial Committee. We are sure he will serve his Church well.

## "FRIENDSHIP WEEK"

The Seventh Annual Friendship Week will be celebrated from Sunday, February 10th, to Sunday, February 17th. The keynote of the week is *Good Will*. Two public meetings will be held. The first on Sunday evening, February 10th, at 7.45 o'clock, at the New Calvary Church, Broad street below Fitzwater. People of many nationalities will participate, giving the meeting an international aspect.

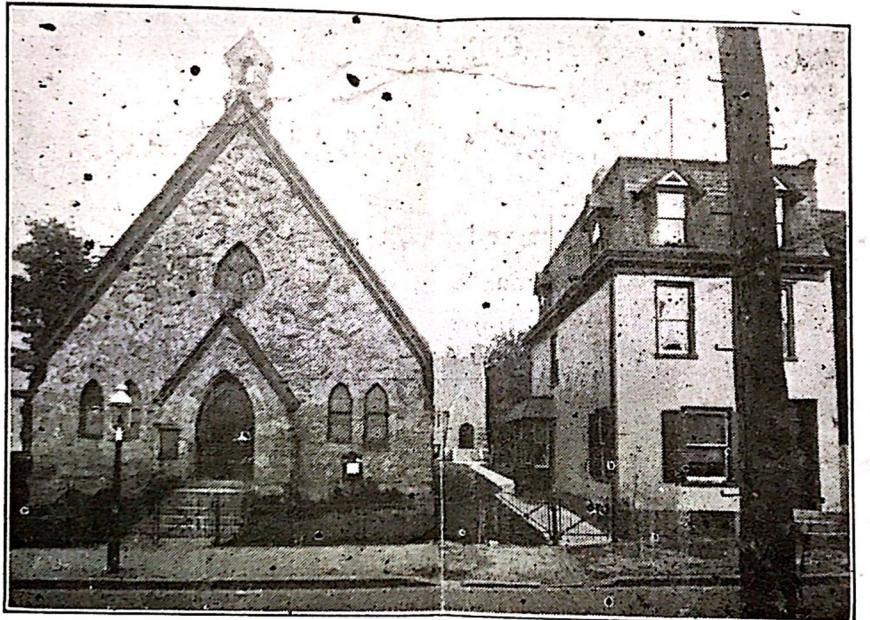
The second meeting will be held at the Union Baptist Church, 19th and Fitzwater, Sunday afternoon, February 17th, at 3 o'clock. This will be a young people's meeting and will be participated in by representatives of different nationalities. Hundreds of honor students from our public schools will be present at this meeting.

Friendship seals (or stamps) penny apiece are now on sale. How many will you buy and help spread the spirit of Friendship? St. Barnabas' is a Friendship Station. You can secure Seals from Rev. Thomas. *Will you help the cause?*

Miss Anna Childs has entered Downingtown Industrial School, at Downingtown, Pa. Anna will be missed by her friends at St. Barnabas', and she will miss her Church and Sunday School. She served on the Altar Guild.

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JANUARY, 1932.



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

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After four weeks of spiritual preparation during the Advent season, we entered upon the celebration of the anniversary of our Lord's birthday with the hope that He would be born in us anew. So with joyful steps and gladdened hearts the faithful wended their way to church on Christmas Eve at 11:30 o'clock to "worship Christ the New-born King."

"Twas a glorious service we rendered to God in honor of our Redeemer's natal day. As a prelude to the Christmas services, the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Price Harris assembled in the schoolroom and sang very sweetly and effectively several carols. The rector read several prophecies that related themselves to the birth of Jesus.

The congregation was then in a very happy and receptive frame of mind, and on the stroke of twelve joined heartily in singing the processional hymn

"It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old."

A new and complete Communion Service—the work of Miss Marguerite Young, a member of St. Barnabas—was sung for the first time, Miss Young being at the organ. The beauty of this new musical setting was enhanced by the splendid and able accompaniment of Dr. Bernard Manning with his violin. All who were in attendance at this *midnight mass* were loud in their praise of Miss Young's musical ability. She has dedicated her new work to her church, and it will hereafter be known as "St. Barnabas' Mass."

The church was beautifully and

tastefully decorated with laurel, holly, ruscus, illuminated Christmas trees, a manger and an electric star that hung over the altar; thus giving a wonderful background and setting to the festal occasion. Of course, everything was secondary and subordinate to the one great act of worship, viz: *The Holy Eucharist*. That was the heart and center of our devotions, everything led up to it, and through and by it our souls were refreshed and made glad. Archdeacon Phillips preached the sermon and the Rev. Arthur C. Moore assisted with the communion.

On the Sunday after Christmas we carried *Christmas Cheer* to two institutions. At 2 P. M. the children of the Church School were conveyed in six automobiles to St. Michael's and All Angels Home for Colored Crippled Children, and we made the youngsters happy with useful gifts, candy and five dollars in money. Our children also sang for them and inspected the home.

At 8 P. M. the choir journeyed to the "Old Folks Home," 44th and Girard Ave., and rendered a Christmas program to nearly one hundred aged souls assembled in their chapel. Several members of St. Barnabas accompanied the choir, carrying with them "goodies" for some of the inmates.

The old people were highly pleased and grateful for our visit, and we were happy in being there.

On the Monday night after Christmas the children of our Sunday School had a delightful Christmas party in the Parish House. Parents, guardians and friends were in attendance. After the singing of carols and speaking of pieces the teachers assisted in the dis-

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tribution of presents to the children. The following churches sent gifts to our children: The Redemption, West Phila.; Zion, North Phila., and St. Peter's, Germantown. In addition to the presents, each child received a box of candy and everyone in attendance was served with ice cream. Needless to say that the youngsters went home in fine spirits.

### "THE FEAST OF LIGHTS"

On Sunday evening, January 10th, 1932, that most beautiful and inspiring service known as "The Feast of Lights" held in connection with the Epiphany season was given at St. Barnabas. The Three Wise Men were impersonated by Galveston Storts as Gaspard, Sylvester Jackson as Melchior and Murry Marvin, Jr., as Balthazar. In their royal robes of purple, red and green, with their heads crowned—the congregation standing—they entered the church in quest of the Holy Child to the strains of

"From the eastern mountains

Pressing on they come."

played very softly on the organ. When they saw the "Star" and the Virgin Mother—impersonated by Miss Dorothy Pierce—kneeling at the manger, they began singing, "We Three Kings of Orient Are," and each in turn approached the infant King and presented his gift. Then the "Kings" proceeded to the altar, and all the lights in the church were extinguished, save the tiny lights at the manger, the illuminated star and a single candle on the altar.

They then began propagating the Gospel by sending out the Light to all the people who had received a *wax taper* to be lighted. The "Kings" having received their light from the rector at the altar, lighted the tapers held

by the choir, then down among the congregation they went lighting the tapers on the end of each pew, and each person in turn passed on the light to his neighbor.

While the lighting process was going on the choir sang Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light" by the light from their tapers. Then, still holding the lighted tapers in the darkened church, the congregation knelt for the closing prayers—the "Kings" at the foot of the altar and the "Virgin Mother" at the manger—all sang softly and sweetly

"Silent Night, holy Night,  
All is calm, all is bright."

The rector then gave his blessing to a happy people, and another successful "Feast of Lights" service came to a close. The Rev. Father Howell of St. Michael's and All Angels delivered a very strong, vigorous and helpful missionary address.

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It is a rare privilege and given to but few men to serve over half a century of years in the Sacred Ministry, and that's exactly what Archdeacon Phillips has done. And the remarkable thing about this long span of years

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in the service of God and man is that Dr. Phillips spent these  *fifty-six years* in the *one city and same diocese*, the city of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Pennsylvania. If any man *knows his Philadelphia*, the Archdeacon does.

Born in Jamaica, British West Indies, in the year 1847, he came to these shores a mere lad and began fitting himself for his life's work.

In 1875 he was graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School, then situated at 39th and Sansom Streets. Bishop Stevens made him a deacon in the Church of the Saviour that same year, and advanced him to the priesthood in Holy Trinity Church the following year.

The Bishop then gave this young clergyman an *old parish* as his first charge, St. Thomas', Phila., then located on 5th Street between Walnut and Locust. Founded by Absolom Jones in 1795, who subsequently became its first minister, St. Thomas' Church is the *first and oldest* Episcopal church for Negroes in the United States.

Dr. Phillips remained there for a *brief fourteen months*, then started a *private school* at 9th and Lombard streets. However, a call came to him from the Church of the Crucifixion in 1877. There he went and there he stayed for 35 years until Bishop Rhinelander made him Archdeacon of the Colored Work in this diocese, a position he held for a little less than 20 years when he retired on December 31, 1931.

The life and the work of the Archdeacon during these fifty and six years in the Sacred Ministry have brought untold blessings to many, many souls not only in this city but throughout the country.

Dr. Phillips will be honored, his labors for God and his fellow-man will be duly recognized and observed with a "special service of Thanksgiving" on Thursday evening, January 28, 1932, at 8 o'clock in the Church of the Crucifixion, 8th and Bainbridge Streets. A reception will follow in the Parish House. Ticket, 25 cents. It will be a glorious night for the "grand old gentleman of the cloth" and his host of friends. *Don't miss it!*

### A COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the Messenger

Dear Sir: Please grant me space in your highly valued periodical to send a message to a certain class of *thoughtless* and *niggardly* people, in and out of the Church. I do not mean to pose as any *saint* myself; I am just a *humble layman*, who has done my best to assist in the work of my parish and to give the clergy all the sympathy and support possible. God knows they need it; for if there are any class of people who need to be pitied because of the advantage taken of them by all sorts and conditions of men its the clergy.

Certain *braggarts*, when allusion is made to their poor stipends, declare: Aren't they *ministers, servers*, whose duty it is to *serve all* who call upon them.

Yes, but these same "smart Alecs" forget that "the Laborer is *worthy* of his hire," according to the Bible.

In every parish there are parishioners who dress well, have a fine table and up to date furniture, not to mention other luxuries, but they are *non-contributors*. They enjoy with the *thoughtful and self-sacrificing* contributors *all* that the parish affords in *faithful ministration, etc. . . . to their shame.*

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Another class, "*ecclesiastical tramps*" they have been termed, go from one parish to another seeking something to devour, *liabilities* rather than assets.

Still another class who have *no connection* with our church, but *prey* upon the clergy for this that and the other; money, provisions, influence in getting employment, for Baptisms, visiting their sick at home and in hospitals, and to bury their dead.

With the *high* sense of the sanctity of their office *our* clergy usually go out their way to serve these people; few of them, however, ever offer them a cent for carfare or any other expense they might have incurred; indeed, some do not even say, "Thank you; I heartily appreciate your kindness." In these days when a car is an indispensable necessity in the work of the ministry, the up-keep is a serious matter; storage, gas, oil, tires, etc. How many, after the clergy have gone miles and miles to serve them offer a few cents for gas?

Here are some *facts*; a few years ago a clergyman had gone to an out of the way town to hold a service. In the dead of night he was awakened and told to return home *at once* in order to bury a very important man in the community, a big *Federal office holder*. In order to do so he had to hire a naphtha launch and cross a sound traversed by ocean liners; the launch broke down; the clergyman had to sit up and hold a lantern while the captain repaired the engine. Any moment they might have been hurled to the bottom by a passing craft. The cost—\$10.00 was paid by the clergyman. A long time after the funeral when he told the family of the expense and how glad he would be to receive it, they *raved and cursed* as though

they were being held up by *bandits*.

Another clergyman on a call from the mother of a young woman dying in the hospital jumped into a taxi and rode at breakneck speed to minister to the dying woman—all *strangers* to him. Did they offer him the taxi fare? *Did you?*

Here is a *young couple*, living right in the mouth of the parish church. The rector called on them, invited them to the services, to his home, requested their help in an entertainment for the benefit of the church. To all his gracious invitations they are deaf, but in the dead of a Saturday night when he is getting himself and his thoughts together for the great work before him on the Lord's day, the bell rings, and the husband requests him to come and *Baptize* his dying infant; then he returns to have it "*funeralized*." He is employed by the Federal Government and gets his pay *regularly*, but he is so *absent-minded*? he doesn't even offer a "*token*" to the kindhearted minister for his generous ministrations.

It is a pleasure, I know, to our clergy to minister to all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity; but it does seem that those *in and out* of the parish who, by their actions have no right to demand their services might have a heart and a conscience, and offer some little reward for the "*hire*" of the laborer.

I remember well, a few years ago, contributing to a fund for the *funeral expenses* of one of our clergy; he had given his life, his *all* in the Master's service. Is it any wonder that the clergy get discouraged?

Very respectfully yours,  
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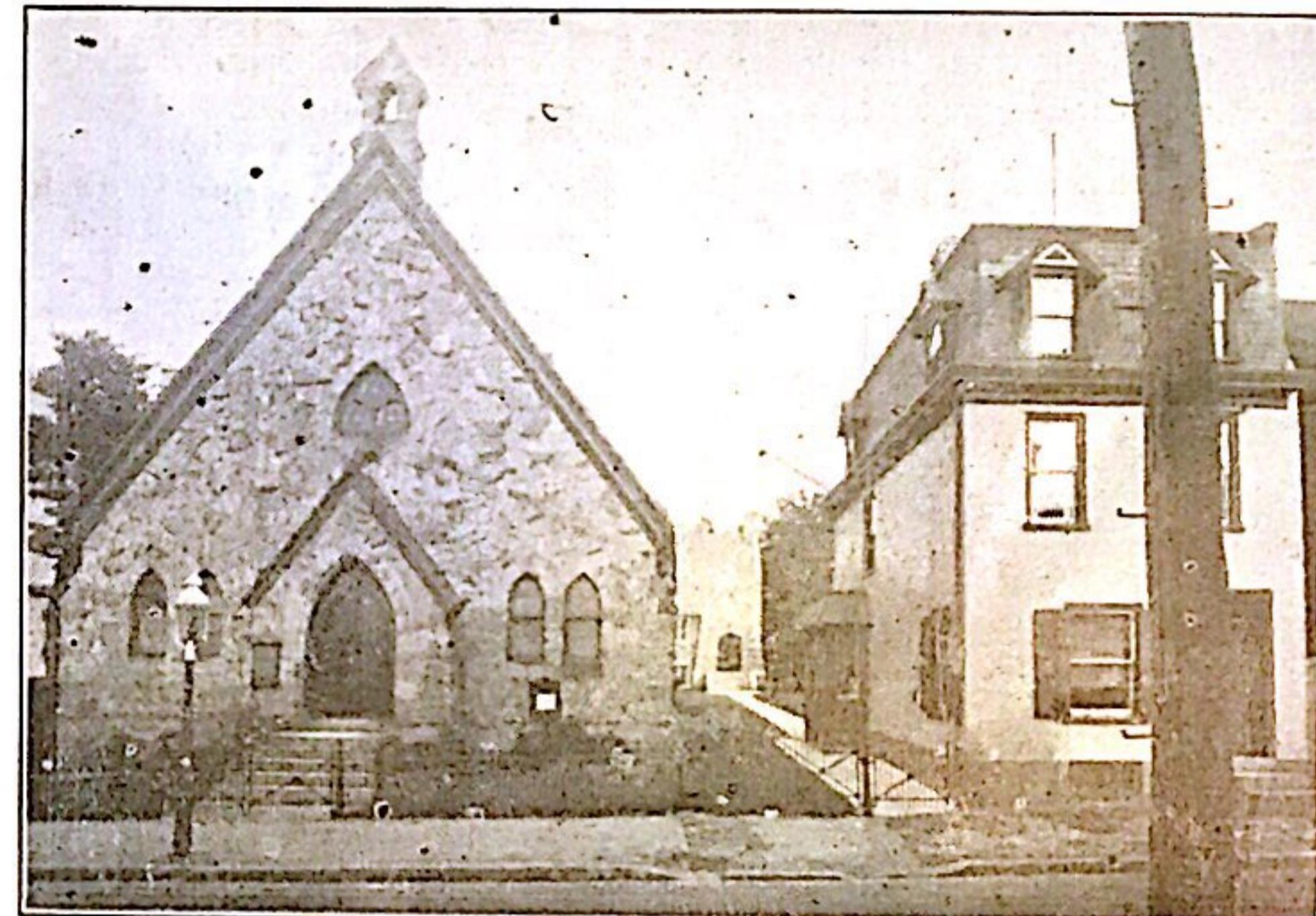
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**The Messenger.****RECTOR'S COLUMN**

My dear Parishioners:

Easter, the *Queen* of the Church's Festivals, the *greatest* Sunday of the year, the season of *new life* was to the *faithful* members of our church a day of great joy and gladness, and a day *long to be remembered* by all present at the services, especially at the 11 A. M. High Mass which was unique in the history of St. Barnabas.

On Good Friday, in a sombre and unadorned church, we took our place at the foot of the cross to hear once again those *immortal words* that fell from the lips of Jesus the Son of God as He poured out His life for the sins of the world. We saw there how our Blessed Lord was made a public exhibit of and put to death openly in the sight of all men. We saw Joseph with the loving and devoted women wrap the Sacred Body in fine linen and lay it in a rock-hewn tomb. *Christ was dead and buried.* His enemies had seemingly triumphed. The apostles and all those who loved Him went to their homes dejected, crushed in spirit and broken hearted. In their deep sorrow they had not thought of His words, "*On the third day I will rise again.*" And so on that Blessed Third Day He who had said concerning His own life, "*I lay it down of myself and I have power to take it again,*" rose triumphant from the grave, having conquered death and His enemies, and brought Life and Light to men and women. So then we had just cause for great rejoicings on Easter Day, there was a reason for coming into His presence with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise,

because the Risen Christ is our Saviour and Redeemer and through Him we have the hope of Life Everlasting.

"If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above." Give the Risen and Living Christ a chance to *effect a change* in your life. He will *roll away* the stone of evil habit and of a tongue that's always ready to blacken someone's character, and cause you to *rise* from the grave of sin to things *higher and nobler* in your present life. He will cause a Resurrection *here and now* in your own life that will astound and amaze not only your friends and acquaintances, but yourself.

Christ has Risen! New Life has Come! Rise, O men and women, from all that is mean and low and debasing, and live forever in the light and power of your Risen Lord.

All of the four services were well attended on Easter Day and a goodly number made their Communion. Sorry to say, however, that some *neglected* so great an opportunity and privilege to come and meet and greet their Risen Lord at the Holy Table. It may be that some day these *careless* ones in respect to their religious duties will be forced to utter the sad cry, "When I could, I would not; now I would, but cannot."

At the 6 A. M. celebration the Junior Choir made its *debut* in singing a communion service written by Miss Marguerite Young for the occasion. These tender voices aided in part by Mrs. Marvin rendered a fine piece of work in honor of their Risen Lord.

It remained, however, for the Senior Choir to *rise to great heights* musically at the 11 A. M. High Mass. It

has been said that "on Palm Sunday the music was *splendid*, but on Easter Day it was *brilliant*." Miss Louise Robinson, our organist and directress of music, had whipped her choir into great shape, the singers were on their toes and Eyre's Mass in E flat, Chapple's "Christ Our Passover," and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" were rendered with a *deftness and precision* which not only thrilled the large congregation but caused them to *marvel* at the musical excellence attained by the choir in so short a time. Solemn procession with *incense* made this service unique and added much to the dignity, beauty and richness of our Easter celebration. The altar boys did their tasks well, with Junie Childs a censer bearer and little Archie Reed as boat bearer.

Dr. Bernard Manning contributed in a large degree to the grandeur of the services with the aid of his violin.

The Chancel and Sanctuary were very tastefully and beautifully decorated with palms, potted plants and cut lilies in memory of departed loved ones.

The Children's Service at 1.30 P. M. was very well attended, and quite heartily did the young people enter into the spirit of the day. The Junior Choir again made itself felt in rendering a Magnificat, Nunc Dimitis, and an Easter anthem, all written by Miss Young, the Sunday School organist. A justifiable trace of pride and thankfulness was discernible on the faces of the parents present as their children stood up to do honor to the Risen Christ in verse and song. Then came the gathering in of the "mite boxes" which contained small coins to help extend the Kingdom of God on earth. The prize this year has been won by tiny "Peggy" Har-

tis, who had \$4.91 in her box. This makes *three years* in succession that "Peggy" has won the prize.

A song service at 8 P. M. was *poorly attended* owing to a continuous rain that began falling in the afternoon. However, with Solemn Evensong and incense at the Magnificat, a couple of anthems, a solo by Mr. Harry V. Suydam and a few stirring hymns, we brought our Easter festivities to a close. 'Twas a glorious day, and we are so glad and thankful that you and your friends were edified, lifted up, and brought nearer to Christ through the services of our church on the greatest of all days—Easter Day.

Sincerely yours,  
E. SYDNER THOMAS.

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY June 11-19

*P*reparations are now being made to duly observe the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Ministry and twenty-five years of continuous service at St. Barnabas, Germantown, of the present rector. The celebration will begin on St. Barnabas' Day, June 11, with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7 A. M. The next day, Sunday, June 12, a Corporate Communion of the parish will be held at 7 A. M. At 11 A. M. High Mass with a guest preacher. At 8.00 P. M. St. Barnabas will take part in the Diocesan Service at the Pro-Cathedral, Broad and South Streets, Phila. On Wednesday evening, June 15th, at 8 o'clock, the Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S. T. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be with us to Confirm the "25th Anniversary Class." Sunday, June 19th, will bring the celebration to a close with the Holy Eucharist at 7 A. M. High Mass at 11 A. M. and a Special Service with guest preacher, visiting clergy and

congregations at 4.30 P. M. We are now seeking candidates for the Confirmation Class. Will you interest your friends in St. Barnabas and ask them to join the class. We would like to present at least 25 persons for Confirmation at our 25th Anniversary. Will you help? Thank you.

#### "MOTHER'S DAY"

Sunday, May 8th, is the Sunday after the Ascension. It is also "Mother's Day." We will give due recognition to both festivals. There will be High Mass at 11 A. M. with appropriate music in commemoration of the Ascension of Christ. Then at 4.30 P. M. a Sacred Musicale in honor of all mothers, with visiting artists, will be given in the church under the auspices of the "Young Matrons' Club." Immediately following the "Musicale" a "Tea" will be held in the Parish House. Let us tell our friends about this service in honor of all mothers and the "tea" that will follow and urge them to come. *Silver offering.*

#### COLORED CRIPPLES

One of the greatest problems of the House of St. Michael and All Angels for Colored Crippled Children has been partially solved during the past few months. The recent introduction of music study into the home has provided a new and absorbing interest for these unfortunate little ones, and some have shown such great talent in singing and instrumental music that they may be able to earn a living in this way after they leave the home. The children look forward to their music lessons.

Under the care of the Sisters of St. Margaret the House of St. Michael and All Angels has grown from *three crippled boys* in 1886 to a home for nearly *sixty children* today. Since it was founded by Sister Sarah (Kirke),

more than 1,000 Negro children have been sent out into the world to earn honorable livings. Children who have been so malformed that life appeared futile have been made courageous and self-sufficient individuals, asking nothing but an opportunity to earn a livelihood.

Behind a high hedge on a quiet street in West Philadelphia are two old-fashioned double houses—one for the girls and one for the boys—which comprise the main buildings of the home. There is also a chapel and rectory. While these houses provide space for the number of children accommodated at present, Sister Katherine, who has been in charge for eighteen years, and her assistants live in constant fear of the possible outbreaking of a fire, due to the fact that the houses are most unsuited for cripples who are helpless without their braces and could not be rescued in a short time.

For this reason a site has been purchased at Ambler, where in the future a building will be erected which will have only one floor and many outside doors, making it particularly safe for cripples in case of fire. As this home is, however, not a diocesan institution, and is maintained almost entirely by private benefactions, the sum necessary for the new building has not materialized.

St. Michael's is the only home of its kind in the United States which takes in colored cripples. Many children are sent from the southern and western states and are cared for and ministered to until they reach the age of 16.

The Philadelphia City Music Bureau sent a teacher to the home several months ago, and now the entire household, except the very small children, are receiving instruction in sing-

ing and instrumental music. Some are given individual instruction, and it is hoped that this will open a new avenue for their self-support. The orchestra is doing very creditable work, having been provided with mandolins and other instruments through the generosity of Mrs. Paul D. Hubbard. They are also taught to sing all the Negro Spirituals. They have given public entertainments during the past month at St. Luke's and St. Peter's, Germantown, and at All Saints', Torresdale.—*The Living Church.*

**"RUMMAGE SALE"**

A Spring "Rummage Sale" will be held in the School Room on Wednesday, April 20, from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. Articles from our friends are solicited. Phone Ger. 1877 and Fr. Thomas will gladly call for the same. Proceeds for missions.

**COMING EVENTS**

Sunday, April 24, 4.30 P. M. A Special Vesper Service at the Church of the Holy Apostles, 21st and Christian Streets, Phila. A program featuring S. Coleridge Taylor's music will be rendered by the "Philadelphia Festival Choir," under the direction of Randolph Smith, Mus. Bac., with William L. King at the organ and Mary M. Hoxter at the piano. The Rev. George H. Toop, D. D., rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles, will make an address. Fr. Thomas will be Master of Ceremonies.

Friday Eve, April 29, Miss Beulah G. McNeill's girls will give a dance in the Parish House. Admission, 35c. *Proceeds for Missions.*

Friday Eve, May 6. The "C. C. Club" will hold a Prize Distribution and Frolic in the Parish House. Three prizes will be given away: First, \$5.00

in gold; second, \$2.50 in gold; third, an umbrella. Ticket, 10c. Good music. Don't miss this.

Sunday, May 8, 4.30 P. M. "Sacred Musicale" in honor of All Mothers. To be followed by a "Tea" in the Parish House. *Silver offering.*

Also at 4 P. M. Presentation of Children's Lenten Offering at St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

June 11-19. Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the rector in point of ordination and service at St. Barnabas.

Sunday, June 12, 8.00 P. M. The second annual Diocesan service at the Pro-Cathedral. Preacher, the Bishop of the Diocese.

Friday, July 1. The Seventh Annual "Baby Contest." Votes, 5 cents. Five Prizes and Souvenirs. Get baby ready for the contest.

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**EASTER PARTY**

On Wednesday Evening during Easter Week a party was given to the two choirs and acolytes in the Parish House. About 40 were in attendance. Mrs. Marvin on behalf of the Senior Choir presented Miss Robinson with a fine bouquet of flowers. Mrs. Cal loway, Mrs. Thomas and Miss Mary Brown prepared and served a very palatable supper. All spent a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

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